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Comment of the day

Hammaraskjold's Private Army

THE real failure of the United Nations in the Congo is not that the country today is as much of a madhouse as it was when the Belgians walked out, but that the United Nations have never been united. No single policy has emerged from repeated meetings of the General Assembly that would enable Mr Dag Hammarskjold to do the one thing that everyone wants—to restore order and stability. To make matters worse various nations which have sent in civil or military contingents are using them as instruments of national prejudice, rather than committing them to the complete authority of the UN. Easily the worst offenders are Ghana and Guinea who are blatantly using the cloak of the UN to bring Mr Lumumba back to power. Nasser's UAR and Ceylon, having failed to get their own way, have now walked out. Yugoslavia too, thus the process of disintegration of UN authority which Mr Hammarskjold fears most, is taking place in spite of his best efforts to prevent it.

It is a bit late now to talk of solutions but if there is one it must lie in divesting each contingent and every civilian official of national identity. At the rate the UN is losing money—the Congo operation is costing more than HK\$50 million a month—this looks like remaining an ill-fated dream. But at least Hammarskjold's Private Army would be answerable only to one master and because of its lack of any national identity, would win the confidence and trust of individual members. With a police force the danger of sulky or frustrated Governments withdrawing their men or guarding their favourites or shooting down rivals, it is indeed the private enterprise which has ruined the chances of making this first real test of UN authority and prestige a success.

As it is the longer the UN remains the lower its reputation and confused the local situation becomes. What the UN now has to consider is whether the Congo would be better off without its help. Colonel Mobutu still has the most authority. Let him call in the nations he wants to help straighten out the frightful mess, instead of saddling him with those who are doing their utmost to sabotage and frustrate him at every turn.

Central African Federation conference in London BANDA OUT TO WRECK TALKS

Denies party intimidating opponents

London, Dec. 8. Nyasaland's nationalist leader, Dr Hastings Banda, declared today he was out to wreck the Central African Federation—even at cost of being re-arrested.

Banda spoke to reporters called to hear a denial of allegations that his Malawi Congress Party in Nyasaland is intimidating its opponents into supporting a breakaway from the Federation.

"I mean to fight Sir Roy Welensky, the Federal Premier,

even if I have to go to prison again," Banda said. "They are frightened because they know the Federation is dead and I am going to buy it row of Lancaster House (where delegates from the Rhodesias and Nyasaland are meeting to discuss the Federation's future).

Collisions in Thames fog

Gravesend, Dec. 8. The worst fog of the season swathed the lower Thames in a cotton-padded blindfold tonight, turning it into a harbour master's nightmare.

The British vessel Jala Viskova, 1,000-ton outward-bound, collided with the Royal Mail Lines ship, Pardo in Gravesend Reach, about two miles off Gravesend.

The French ship, Melcor, of 8,267 tons, collided with a fourth ship not far away from the other collision. The British freighter Parima, of 7,543 tons, slammed into an oil wharf jetty at Thames Haven.

TUGS SENT

Tugs with fog-piercing radar were dispatched to lend assistance, although none of the collisions appeared to have caused serious damage. No injuries were reported. Visibility in the lower Thames was almost nil. "We shall know nothing more until the fog begins to lift," a Gravesend tug office spokesman said, "and that does not look like being tonight."—UPI.

\$ coins being counted for Monday's rush



Hongkong's new \$1 coins will be released to the public on Monday instead of January 1.

A proclamation making them legal tender from that day appeared in this morning's Government Gazette. Banks today were busy preparing for the rush on Monday. The coins, minted in Britain, arrived in the Colony earlier this week in "Ample quantities" and are being delivered to banks all over the Colony in tin boxes.

Originally it was intended to issue them on Jan. 2. Each box contains five sacks, each sack, 5,000 cupro-nickel dollar coins, featuring the Queen's head on one side and a lion rampant holding the Pearl of the Orient, symbolising Hongkong. This is taken from the Colony's armorial bearings presented when the Duke of Edinburgh visited Hongkong. This morning, the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation's cash department were busy counting the coins into lots of 50 and 100. This is all done by counting machines and the above China Mail photo shows two members of the Bank staff making up packets of 50 coins.

Colony bankers unable to predict change in local rates

Hongkong bankers cannot predict a change in local interest rates immediately in the wake of the London rate reduction announced yesterday.

This was learned by the China Mail after canvassing the opinions of leading European and Chinese bankers in the Colony this morning.

Both Mr R. G. L. Oliphant, Manager of the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank, and Mr A. O. Small, Manager of the Chartered Bank, saw the London move as a gesture of help to the American dollar and an incidental boost to the consumer goods trade to home.

The Bank of England announced a cut in the rate from five-and-a-half per cent to five per cent yesterday.

"I see no immediate change in the Hongkong rate," said Mr Oliphant. "Quite likely there will be none."

Mr Small, who had a long conference with Mr Oliphant this morning, said, "It is too early to say what effect, if any, this change in the Bank of England rate will have on interest rates in Hongkong."

Boats found in HK

U.S. funds being misused

New York, Dec. 8. An American newspaper today quoted the disappearance of two deep-sea fishing boats, bought with American aid for Cambodia, and their subsequent discovery in Hongkong as an example of the way foreign aid money was being "misused."

The New York World Telegram and Sun said inquiries were inexcusable when America was suffering from a critical drain on its gold reserves.

Other cases of alleged "misuses" cited were: "have caught up with more than 300 cases of fraud, waste and inefficiency in the last year."

Two men in the Philippines are being tried on charges of taking more than US\$500,000 in kickbacks. A plant in South Korea on which the U.S. aid programme spent US\$325,000 is idle—"it's a good question whether it ever should have been built."

The cable did not elaborate on the fishing-boats found in Hongkong.—UPI.

Discourage

Mr. Y. H. Kan, Manager of the Bank of East Asia, told the China Mail, "I don't think the London rate reduction will affect Hongkong very much."

However, he adopted a "wait and see" attitude towards the local money market. Mr Kan said he had anticipated the London move a couple of months ago. "But I never dreamed it would come so soon—in the most unlikely month of December."

The London gesture, he said, is definitely meant to help the U.S. currency. The cut in London rate would discourage Americans from transferring their dollar funds into the London market to profit by the higher interest rates, he said.

Some of Hongkong's money has followed in the steps of the American dollar, seeking higher interest rates in Britain. "But the difference between Hongkong and London rates is such that it is unlikely that the same money will flow back to the Colony at present," he added.

Kennedy selects Stevenson for United Nations

Washington, Dec. 8. President-elect John Kennedy today asked Mr Adlai Stevenson to serve in his administration as U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations.

The long-awaited announcement by Sen Kennedy was made by the President-elect on the steps of his Georgetown home with the 1952-56 Democratic standard bearer standing by his side.

The two men conferred for an hour and five minutes before emerging to talk to reporters.

Close friend

Mr Stevenson put off a decision pending further consideration of what he described as matters affecting the general strengthening of the American delegation to the UN.

The Kennedy-Stevenson conference took place after the President-elect had announced he was offering jobs to Mr Byron White, former All-American football great from Colorado, and Mr John Hooker of Nashville, lawyer and close friend.

Senator William Fulbright was the "tip" today as Sen Kennedy's eventual choice as Secretary of State. The only other candidates said to be still in the running for the post were Mr Dean Rusk, President of the Rockefeller Foundation, who conferred with Sen Kennedy today, and Mr David Bruce, former Ambassador to West Germany.

Mr Rusk declined to say whether he and Sen Kennedy talked about a role for him in the new administration.

Fulbright's appointment as Secretary of State. Other powerful Congressional voices were also said to have been brought to bear on his behalf. Observers believed Sen Kennedy was still trying to decide whether his naming of Sen Fulbright as Secretary of State would arouse antagonism among Negro voters in the United States and might also be criticized in Africa and in Latin America.

Sen Fulbright, 52, a representative of Arkansas, has aligned himself with the pro-segregation Southerners in Congress. The Washington Post also reported that there was opposition from those who considered him pro-Arab in the Israel-Arab controversy.

Sen Johnson and others in Congress were believed to be urging his appointment despite the possible criticism.—UPI, AP and Reuter.

Far East affairs

He told newsmen they discussed foreign affairs generally and especially "organization of the Government to carry out our foreign policy."

The 61-year-old Democrat was Assistant Secretary of State in the Truman administration. Mr Rusk was in charge of Far Eastern affairs when he was in the State Department, but he said the conversation today covered the full range of foreign affairs. He said he has no present appointment to offer again with Sen Kennedy, and that Thursday's meeting was his first opportunity to do so.

Vice-President Elect Lyndon Johnson was said to be the chief supporter of Sen

HK. refugees

New York, Dec. 8. The United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, Mr Felix Snyder, said today "the conscience of the world must be kept aware of the problem of refugees to help improve their status."

The refugee problem in Hongkong, Mr Snyder said, does not fall under the mandate of the High Commissioner, but he said the problem there "deserves a great deal of sympathy and interest," and that he would gladly lend his good offices if called upon.

He will succeed Dr Augustus Lindt as High Commissioner on February 1.—AP.

Car starter triggers bomb

New York, Dec. 8. A trucking company employee was killed by a bomb triggered by the starter in his car today as he set off from his luxury apartment in Forest Hills. The blast, second of its kind within 24 hours in the metropolitan area, killed Kenneth Feinberg, 26, hurried sharpshooter-like fragments for hundreds of feet and shattered dozens of windows.

Feinberg was a checker for the Fox Trucking Co. and was the son of a wealthy

farrier. His death set off an intensive search for possible gangland or labour ties.

"We know that Kenneth had friends who were not exactly upright, law-abiding citizens," Detective James Luzzell said.

Yesterday morning, a time bomb, blasted the car of William Hillbrand, government witness in a tax evasion case against a "Thatcher's Union" official. Hillbrand had missed the explosion by minutes.

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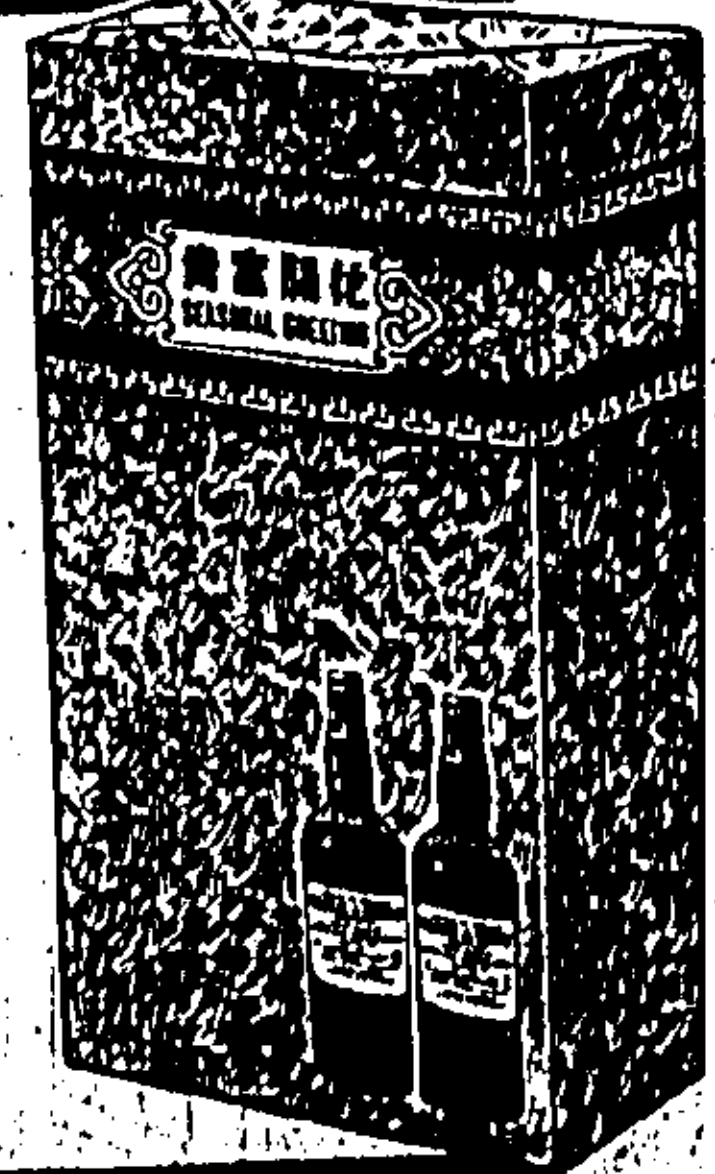


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HK Bank	1340	1325	1325	1305	1420	+25	\$48	3.3
Lombard	41 1/2	43	42 1/2	43	43 1/2	steady	\$2	4.9
Union	125	125	126	124	124 1/2	steady	\$3.40	2.5
Whitlock	8.75	8.95	9.00	8.55	9.40	—15c	60c	6.4
HK Wharf	244 1/2	244 1/2	248 1/2	270	113	—1	\$10	8.9
HK Docks	108	107	110	118	112	—1 1/2	\$2.80	4
Talkco Docks	64	64	68	69 1/2	71	+60c	\$1.20	6.4
HK Hotels	21.60	22	22.20	23.20	23.80	—75c	\$2.75	6.3
HK Hotels	42 1/2	42	42 1/2	43 1/2	42 1/2	—	\$2.40	3.3
HK Lands	66	66	69 1/2	71	70	—1	\$1.10	6.8
HK Realty	1.90	1.90	1.90	2.025	1.85	—7.5c	\$1.75c	6.8
HK Trams	32 1/2	32 1/2	32	33 1/2	32 1/2	—75c	\$2.05	6.5
Star Ferry	175	176	180 1/2	187	183	+4	\$9.50	5.2
Yuenmah	103	103 1/2	105	111	113	—2	\$8.50	7.7
Ch Light	24.90	24.90	25	28.10	26.00	+1.50	\$13.10	5.6
Electric	29.10	29.10	29.10	31 1/2	31 1/2	+1.25	\$1.70	5.0
HK Telephone	36 1/2	36 1/2	37	38 1/2	37 1/2	—1	\$1.75	4.6
G. I. Cement	56 1/2	57	63	64 1/2	62	—2 1/2	\$4	6.3
Dairy Farm	32 1/2	33 1/2	33	34	34	steady	\$1.85	5.7
A. S. Watson	31	31	31	33 1/2	37 1/2	—1 1/2	\$1.50	4.1
Lane, Crawford	41	41	41	44 1/2	44	—50c	\$1.75	6.2
Int'l Investment	8.85	9 1/2	9.85	10.70	10.80	+10c	75c	7
Allied	5.90	6.10	6 1/2	8.10	8.40	+30c	\$1	12
HK & F. Inv	14 1/2	14.90	15.00	15.40	15.50	+20c	90c	5.3
Textile Corp	8.95	9.60	9.65	9.65	8.95	—70c	80c	8.9
Nanyang	15	16.20	16.60	16.40	15.60	—80c	\$1.10	7

London, Dec. 8.
Stocks found little to cheer about in the bank rate cut to 5 per cent and most sections of the list closed with small losses.

Stores managed a few gains along with Tobaccos but Motors, Electricals, Properties and Stores lost ground. Ford tacked on a modest gain.

Government bonds received no general support from the bank rate cut although some short-dated issues firmed. Greeks were dull in the foreign section. Dollar stocks showed a broad scattering of plus signs in sympathy with the Wall Street advance.

Lack of interest in the golds brought a rash of small losses here while coppers and tins also were neglected. Oils were dull. —UPI.

British Motor Ord-14s 10¹/₂d.
 Coats (J. & P.) Ord-36s 4¹/₂d.
 Courtaulds Ord-42s 7¹/₂d.
 De La Rue Ord-35s.
 Dunlop Rubber Ord-23s.
 Elec. & Mus. Industries-42s 8d.
 Ford Motor. Ord-141s.

British Government Securities
 3½% Consolidated £40
 3½% Conversion—£290
 3½% Savings 1925-45—£130
 3½% Savings 1926/7—£130
 3½% Savings 1926/7—£130
 3½% Savings 1926/7—£130
Banks & Insurance
 Barclay's Ord—63s 3d
 Bank of China—£73
 Hongkong Bank—£73
 Lloyd's Bank—70s 6d
 Lombard—£73
 Union Insurance—£73
Oil
 Barmul Oil—37s 6d
 Royal Dutch—£113 10d
Steels Engineering
 Babcock & Wilcox Ord—32s 10d
 United Steel—27s 6d
Industrials
 Assec. Elec. Industries—30s 6d
 Assec. Electric Industries—30s 6d
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Business was done in the local unofficial market this morning at the following rates:-

U.S. dollar (per \$1)	5.67
Sterling notes (per £1)	15.85
Australian notes (per £1) ..	12.62
Indonesian Rupiah (per 100) ..	3.00
Siam ticks (per 100)	26.10
Sumatra (Siam)	1.81

The following are U.S. Investments as in American dollars. Buyers' prices include commission:

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A small general decline was caused by the decision to stop countries receiving American aid from using such funds to purchase goods in Hongkong, but the effect was particularly felt in the Cottons.

Textiles, which had been steadily climbing in past weeks, went down to \$8.95 yesterday afternoon, compared with the closing price of \$9.05 the previous week.

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Friday: This was another outstanding day's business on the Stock Exchange which opened under the pressure throughout China. Lights again needed to be kept on the exchange, and the "fizzles" and, although they went ex-dividend maintained yesterday's price, obviously or the hopes that government would accept the scheme proposed by the Nationalist Government. One of the features in the early stages was the number of buyers of Talco for shares which were not for sale. However, sellers appeared in the market and prices and their offerings were snapped up. Banks rose to \$1,425 but eased a little before the close. Land and Cements also rose. Land used for gas and steel selling combined with a turnover of about \$9 million.

Monday: The market was again buoyant, but a little mixed. Some uncertainty in some sections was offset by useful gains in others. Dominant features were the continued rise in Banks, Talkoos, and Doel and a cautious reappraisal of the situation with regard to the Electric Companies' proposals to government. Allied Investments rose to \$8.50 and remained

Tuesday: The market was generally very active but failed to establish a definite trend. Prices were a fraction easier which is not surprising considering recent advances. Producers attracted attention with very narrow margins, while Wheelocks and Lands changed hands in quantity at slightly lower prices than yesterday. The market closed strong with an approximate turnover of \$5,800,000.

Wednesday: This half-day trading followed yesterday's pattern. Trading was brisk and movement was varied within narrow limits. Banks were slightly easier as also were the Rubber and Textile sections. Talkos were strong and Chis Lights were slightly weaker. The approximate turnover was \$4,200,000.

Thursday: The market receded a fraction on balance due to some profit taking which was checked towards the close. Trading was active and movements were small. Banks came a little but recovered to \$14.50 while Talcooks were "dented" in the middle of the day only to come back during the afternoon at a steady \$72. Wheelocks were steady but a little quiet at Docks lost a little ground on good turnover, Allied and International Investments were steady, the former being in good demand. The approximate turnover was \$5,200,000.

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The stock market started out cautiously today, picked up around mid-morning and then proceeded to drift off until a mild recovery set in near the close.

Our Own Correspondent

Business done at the Hongkong Stock Exchange this morning amounted to approximately \$2,780,000. Noon quotations and the morning's transactions:

Shares	Buyers	Sellers	Sales
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The Dow-Jones industrial average settled for a minor gain, mostly due to International Paper, Swift, and Anasco, all of which rose well over a point. The big cyclical stocks cooled off considerably from yesterday's strong upsurge while the best performing groups this time included the meat-packers, business machines and a few electronics. Business equipment stocks did well with IBM gaining a wide 1 1/2 points and Olivetti-controlled Underwood up 2 1/4.

Today's volume was 3,540,000 shares.

Of a total 1,257 shares traded, 548 were higher and 453 lower. American exchange volume was 1,340,000 shares.

Bonds' volume amounted to \$5,810,000.

Dow-Jones closing averages:

30 Industrials	605.
20 R.M.s	128.
15 Utilities	96.
65 Stocks	200.
40 Bonds	84.

Comm. future price index 142.

Singapore, Dec. 8.


Overseas advices were better and prices were marked up at the opening and advanced further in active trading. At higher levels profit taking pared gains. Interest in lower shares was limited but December and January one Rss were traded at even money.

The afternoon was very brisk with interest centered in the rubber market. December which had been the main item, ran off the fourth premium to the first. The market was very active in New York, red rubber turned today closed unchanged to three points higher on strength of 24 contracts.

Futures finished dull with little price change today, despite considerable price improvement in the London market. The manufacturer interest in physical rubber shrank and offerings were scarce. The current month of No. 1 Rs was quoted at 22 1/2 cents.

In London, the rubber market was steady with spot quoted at 20 1/2. No. 1 Rs spot 25 1/2, 2 1/2.

In Amsterdam, rubber market very quiet today.—U.P.I.



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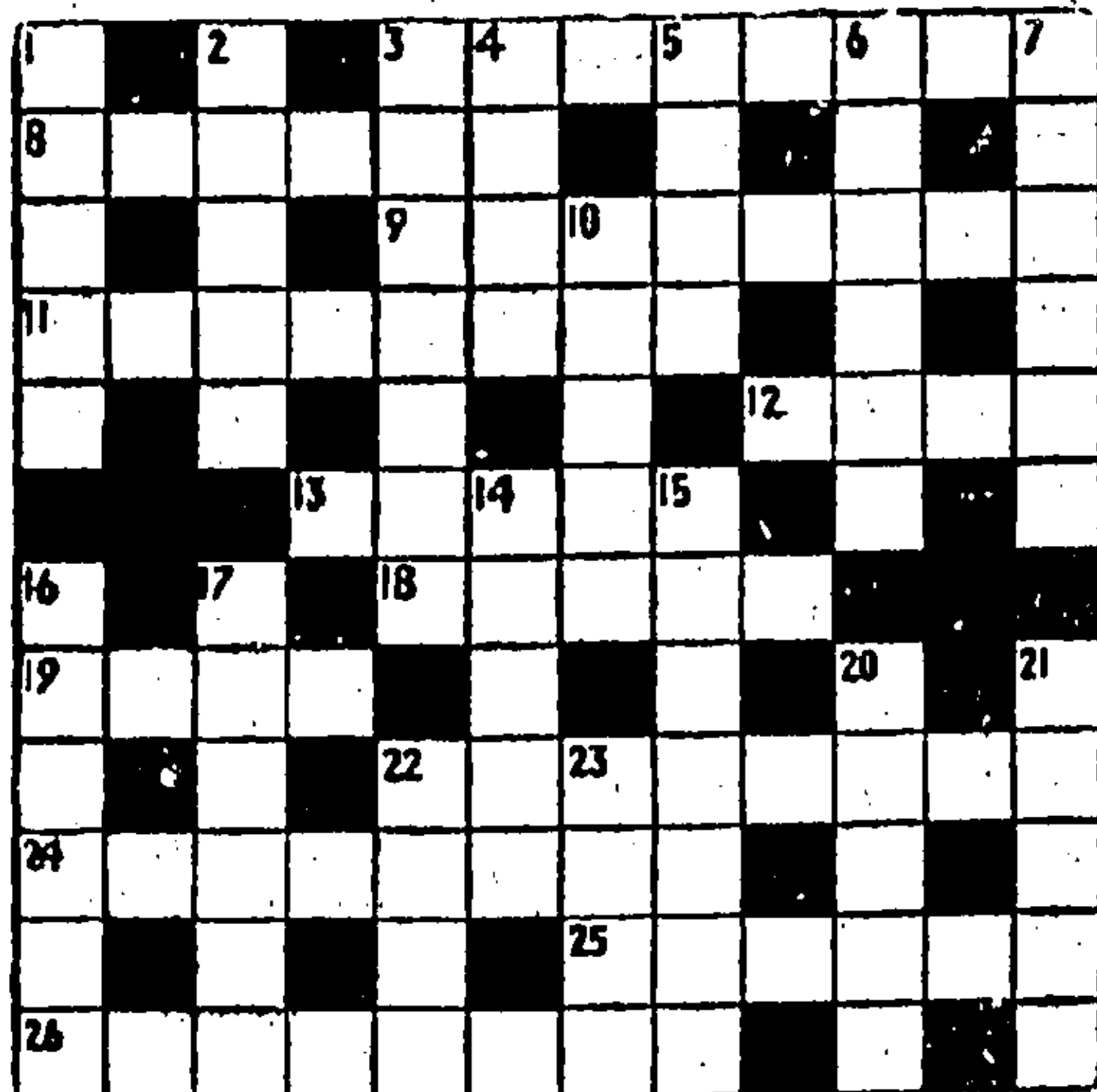
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TWINS BORN ON ATLANTIC LINER

Southampton, Dec. 8. The Cunard liner Queen Elizabeth docked yesterday with the first twins born on board in its 20 years service. The extra passengers, two girls, were born two months prematurely to 36-year-old Mrs. Constance McLaren, American wife of a Scottish factory manager while she was returning to Britain from a visit to her parents. The babies, born in the ship's hospital, had been in an incubator since birth.—China Mail Special.

A British Crossword Puzzle



ACROSS
3 Business buildings? (8)
8 Holding rights? (6)
9 Not on the dot? (8)
11 Satisfying report (4, 4)
12 Indigo dye plant (4)
13 Surrounded hostilely (5)
16 Exercises control (5)
19 Foreign port (4)
22 Street standard (8)
24 Musical instrument (8)
25 Mignonette colour (6)
26 More stylish (8)

DOWN
1 Men at a party? (5)
2 (1) behind someone's back? (5)
3 Mr. Macmillan (7)
4 Army corps, briefly (4)
5 Some go through it (4)
6 Uttering an omelette? (6)
7 Burden a horse? (6)
10 Particular group (5)
14 Baptismal name (5)
15 The Devil? (7)
16 Trifled across the floor? (6)
17 Government body (8)
20 Might as well country? (5)
21 Go off the beaten track (5)
22 Many are made up (4)
23 Pure and simple (4)

YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD—Across: 3 Land-crab, 7 Phases, 8 Gangster, 10 Rat-tat, 13 Echelon, 15 Pilot, 17 Mausers, 18 Benefit, 20 Edit, 21 Cutlets, 26 Rimmel, 27 Aberdeen, 28 Eaten, 29 Freesias. Down: 1 Spare, 2 Tooth, 3 Legal, 4 Dias, 5 Rattle, 6 Berets, 9 Atomic, 11 Ached, 12 Tenet, 14 Nature, 15 Psalm, 16 Orate, 18 Behalf, 19 Nicene, 22 Tones, 23 Empty, 24 Sling, 25 Odes.

Former editor told the Queen niece was prostitute

London, Dec. 8. A former newspaper editor fell prey to an "unfounded notion" and sent a pamphlet to the Queen alleging that a niece and her friend were prostitutes, a court here heard today.

The man, Carl Frederick Holsinger, described himself in evidence as having once had the "greatest reputation of any editor in South-east Asia."

'NORTHCLIFFE'

He also asserted that he had been called by other newspapers the "Northcliffe of India."

Holsinger was bound over in his own recognizance of £100 for a year to be of good behaviour and to refrain from publishing defamatory statements.

A summons alleged he had published 11 abusive and defamatory statements concerning his niece, Mignonne Brenda Holsinger, and Maureen O'Neill.

Mr. T. J. Taylor, for the Director of Public Prosecutions,

said the pamphlet, entitled "The Call Girl Racket," received a considerable distribution, ranging from the Queen to a gentleman in a night club.

ARE YOU?

Mr. Taylor asked Mignonne Holsinger, 33, sales assistant: "I am sorry to have to ask you this. Are you a prostitute?"

Miss Holsinger: "I am not."

She added she was not living with anyone.

Mr. Holsinger, 70, said in evidence he had learned from Miss O'Neill that the man who was engaged to, named Ebert, was a white slave trader.

He had begged his niece to leave the man, and said his life had later been threatened.

THREAT

The man who threatened him said: "I know where you live. I will stick a knife into your guts if you do not leave the girl alone."

Holsinger then told the court: "If men do not behave as I have behaved upon the basis of honest conviction, then this society is doomed."

"Crime is increasing. Prostitution is spreading."

KNIFE POINT

"Thousands of young men in London are living on the earnings of girls who are call girls, holding them at the point of the knife."

Holsinger said he had done what any uncle could do to try to protect and save his niece.

"I would be base human being if, after being honestly convinced that my niece was in grave peril, I did not try to protect her from that peril."

IN DANGER

He had no intention of publishing any more statements, but he still believed that his niece and Maureen O'Neill were prostitutes and that he was in danger from an organisation.—China Mail Special.

POLICE CRACK "STAGGERING" VICE RACKET

Melbourne, Dec. 8. Melbourne parents were today warned that men were producing "teenage girls" for immoral purposes.

Sergeant J. Dawes, Chief of the Police Vice Squad, said men met the girls in coffee or milk bars.

He said a squad of three policemen had spent six months on a special investigation, but they had "only scratched the surface of the problem."

Sergeant Dawes said the problem was "staggering." He said 40 men had been charged in one suburb alone.

Ninety per cent of the men charged were migrants, mostly southern Europeans, Sergeant Dawes said.—China Mail Special.

QUEEN MOTHER BUYS FARM

London, Dec. 8. Queen Elizabeth, the Queen Mother, told the Royal Agricultural Society's annual meeting here she had joined the ranks of Britain's farmers and was now owner of a small farm near the castle of Mey, her home in the northern tip of Scotland.

The Queen Mother, the society's retiring president, said amid applause "I have always been greatly interested in farming, and so inspired was I by the high officer I have held during the last 12 months that I have taken the plunge and acquired a small farm in the far north of Scotland."

The sheep and mixed farm of about 70 acres was acquired by the Queen Mother about six months ago.—China Mail Special.

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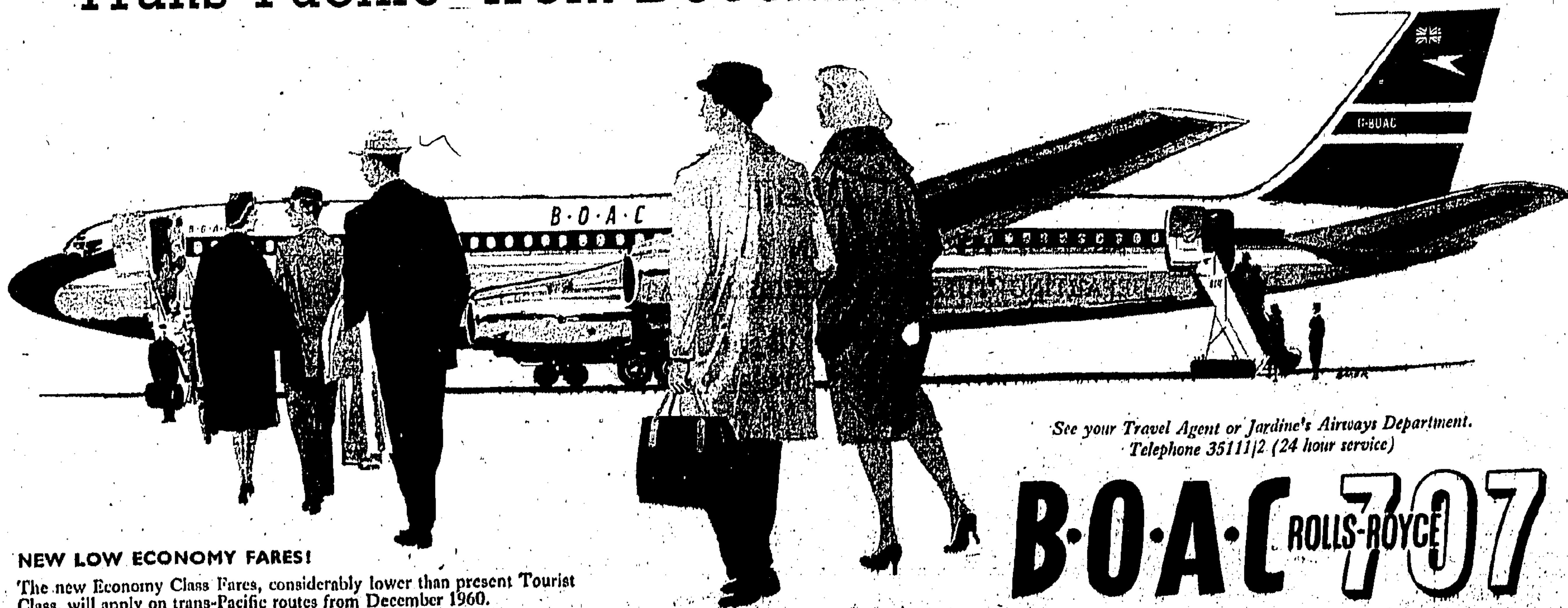


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chestra; 6.30, Appeal on behalf of

the Society of St Vincent de Paul;

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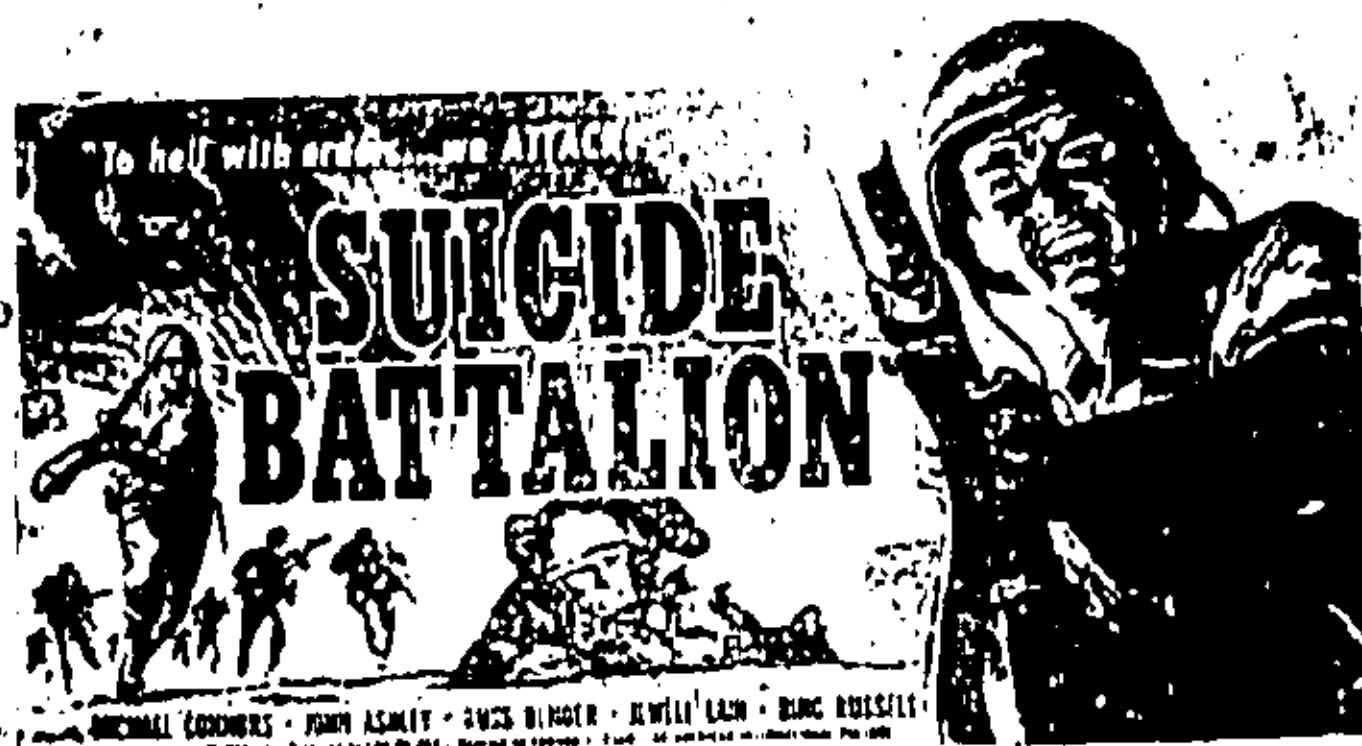
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Macmillan may invite Chou En-lai to London

London, Dec. 8.
The Prime Minister, Mr. Macmillan, dropped a
broad hint today that when the time is ripe he
may invite Premier Chou En-lai of China to
visit Britain.

Mr Macmillan made it clear
to questioners in the House
of Commons, however, he does
not consider "such an invitation
would be useful at the present
time."

He also said he would con-
sider a suggestion to undertake
a visit to Peking in any future
journey he makes to the Far
East.

The issue arose during Question
Time in the House of Com-
mons. Conservative followers
and Labour opponents pressed
Mr Macmillan to display an
initiative with the aim of im-
proving relations with the
Chinese Communist Govern-
ment. To these promptings Mr
Macmillan replied amid a
murmur of approval:

"I understand the spirit of
these suggestions.

Personal efforts

"I think that in these per-
sonal efforts which I may try
to make, I must try to choose
conditions which are favour-
able, having regard to the
whole complex of problems in-
volved."

A group of 39 Labour MPs
asked the House to thank Pre-
mier Khrushchev for supporting
a policy of peaceful coexistence
at the recently concluded Com-
munist summit conference in
Moscow.

This unusual motion suggested
that Mr Khrushchev is a pre-
servator of world peace and by
implication, Mr Mao Tse-tung
is cast in a harsher light.
Most of the signers of the
motion were members of the
divided party's left-wing.
Whether or not the motion is
ever debated depends on the
support it gains.

Not useful

Obviously, the Prime Minis-
ter's Government will resist any
motion which picks and chooses
between Communist leaders.
Mr Woodrow Wyatt, Labour
raised the subject by asking if
Mr Macmillan would ask Mr
Chou En-lai to London for talks
on China's "membership of the
United Nations."

Mr Macmillan replied: "I do
not think such an invitation
would be useful at the present
time."

Mr Wyatt at once came back
and asked: "How is Khrushchev
going to persuade the Chinese
that war is not inevitable? how
can we expect a dominant
negotiations to succeed while we
continue to insult the Chinese
in the West?"

To this Mr Macmillan re-
plied: "I do not think it is in-
sulting to a man not to invite
him."

"I have had some little ex-
perience of this and have taken
some initiative. I regard the
question of timing as impor-
tant in instances of this char-
acter."

It has been an open secret
for many months that Mr Mac-
millan would like to launch a
Western initiative for better
relations with China—but only
if he could be sure of the bless-
ing of the United States.

Seized chance

Mr Hugh Gattskell, leader of
the Opposition, seized the
chance to prod Mr Macmillan on
this point.

He urged that when the
Premier meets President
Kennedy he should
discuss as a matter of priority
the need for a new Western
attitude toward the Chinese
Communists. Mr Gattskell's party
favours China's admission to the
United Nations and the neutrali-
zation of Formosa under UN
control.

Even Mr Macmillan's Conser-
vative followers indicated sup-
port for a get-together with the
Chinese.

Dame Irene Ward asked him
to consider a personal visit to
Peking itself during the course
of any journey he should make
to the Far East.

Mr Macmillan promised he
would do so.

Dame Irene then said, "A
great many people want Mr
Macmillan to make contact with
the rulers of China.—AP."

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GREAT PUDDING FIRE OF LONDON

London, Dec. 8.
When the Christmas pudding comes to the Lord
Mayor of London can the fire brigade be far
behind?

Today Lord Mayor Sir Ber-
nard Waley-Cohen was present-
ed with a 100-lb pudding as a
gift from Australia's dried
fruit growers.

"Careful," said one of the
officials attending the ceremony
at Australia House, "one of
your predecessors almost burned
the place down."

Sir Bernard, with a confident
grin, scooped up a silver ladle
full of brandy and poured it
on top, lighting it with a match
in the traditional manner of
"christening the pud."

He was so delighted with the
result he poured on another
ladle-ful. And again returned
the ladle to the silver tureen
for a third.

Everyone watched the
wondrous glow of the six-foot
wide pudding. No one noticed
the ladle was afire.

The brandy-filled tureen
caught fire. The pudding blazed
several feet high.

An aide rushed to shield the
Mayor's lace cuffs from the
flaming ladle he still held, find-
ing no likely place to put it
down.

A few hectic moments later,
the fires all out, the pudding
was taken away to be given to
charity.

The Lord Mayor beamed.
Australia House officials sighed.
The fire brigade stayed home.—
UPI.

HEADS CAMPAIGN TO END HANGING

London, Dec. 8.
The Earl of Harewood, 37-year-old cousin of the
Queen, has put himself at the head of a cam-
paign to abolish hanging in Britain.

He was appointed yesterday
as chairman of the committee
of honour of the National
Campaign for the Abolition of
Capital Punishment.

The Earl, an enthusiastic
sponsor of the opera and former
director of the Royal Opera
House at Covent Garden, said
last night: "We aim to prick
the conscience of the nation and
the government."
"We are not softies. We stand
for a principle, and we think
the nation is swinging towards
that view."

The campaign has launched
a new crusade against hanging.

Its action follows the an-
nouncement of Mr R. A. Butler,
Home Secretary, granting a re-
prieve to brewer's clerk John
Rodgers, 20, sentenced to the
gallows for the murder of a
taxi driver in Bristol.—China
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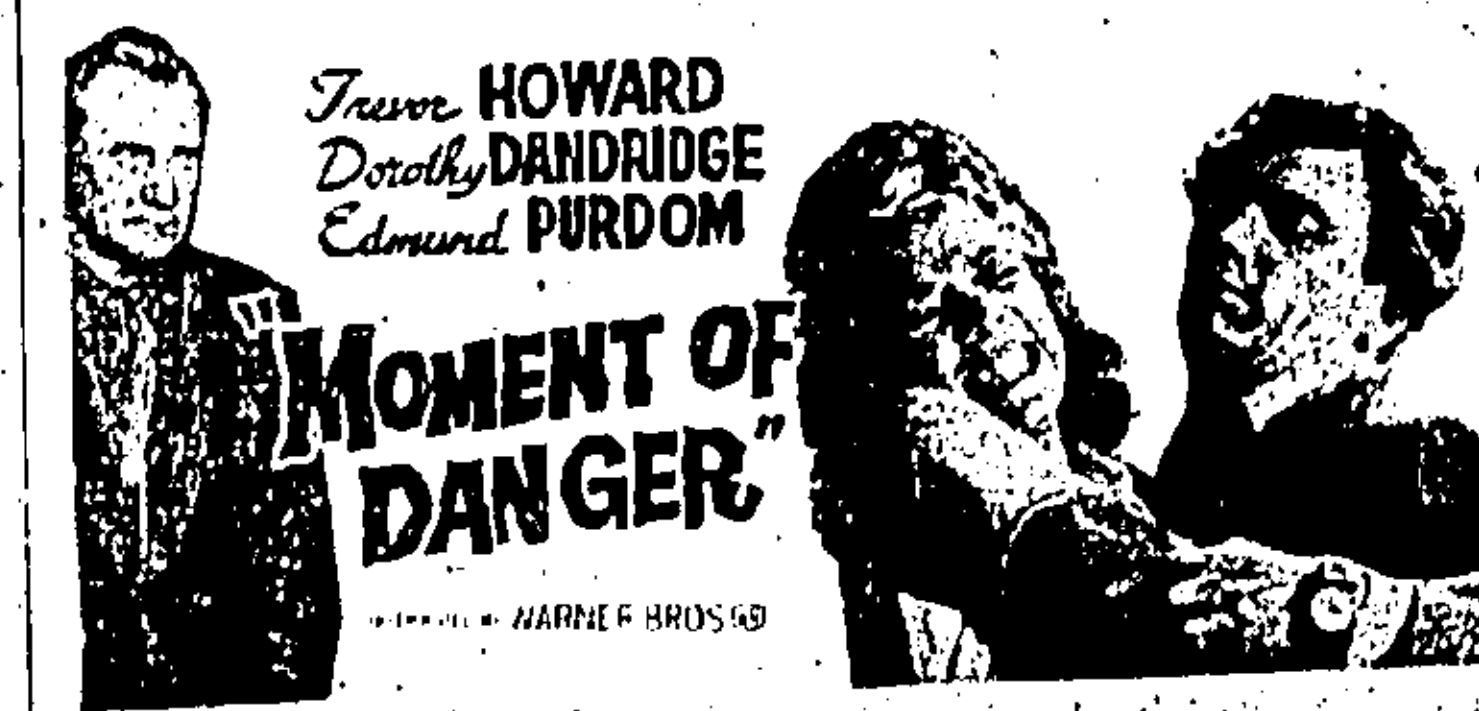
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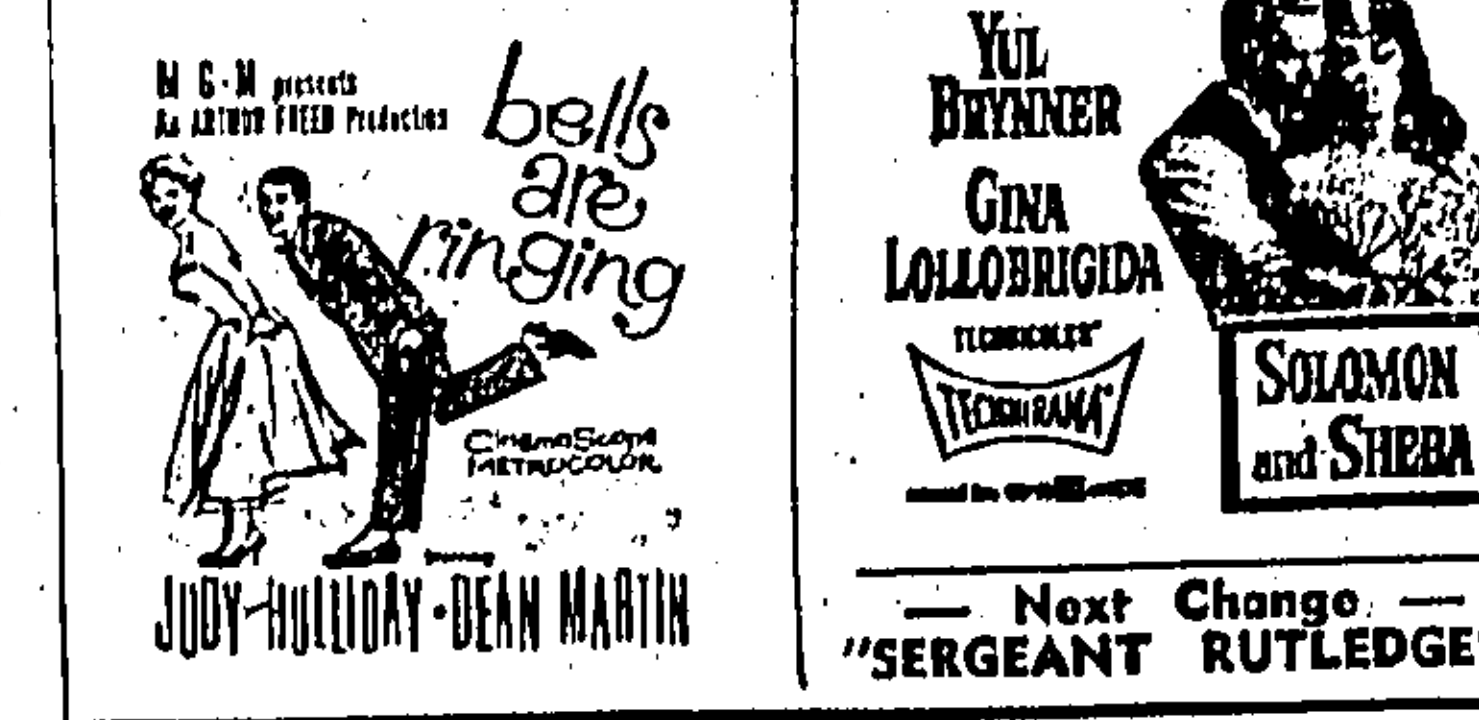
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DEREK MONSEY talks to a top star whose eye is on high dramatic things

Where does Lemmon the clown go from here?

New York.

HALFWAY up the 27-floor prison-looking luxury block is Jack Lemmon's apartment. Far below, spread out like a brownish wilderness, hazy romantically in autumn mist, is Central Park.

On the walls of the living room are old engravings of Garrick as Richard III and Bernard Shaw as himself. In the bookcase Shakespeare rears against luxury bound volumes of Aeschylus, Sophocles, and Euripides.

Lemmon has ambition, you think. He has. But this isn't, in fact, his apartment. It is rented from Sir Cedric Hardwicke. "I've lived here for six long months. The play had better run."

"I'd love to, of course. But I haven't got the equipment. Maybe when I'm 80 years old, I'll put on youth make-up."

"I'm trying with an absolutely ridiculous idea of trying Jago on TV."

"You can put yourself out of work if you wait for the thing you really want to do. I was looking for three and a half years for a play to do. I wanted a play. An actor should come back to the stage and be an actor. Not just stay out there in Lotus land (Hollywood) and count his money."

"I've lost about 10lb on this play. Now I can go out and drink stout and eat pork."

"I go to Britain whenever I can. Not to eat pork. But you know, every American actor still holds the English actor in great awe. The great actors are English; they've a blood-line of heredity and style—a quality, a true relish of acting. They give a character size—they act. There is nothing in them of the Actors' Studio rejects, the Method man muttering about his own reality."

Jack Lemmon is refreshing. It wouldn't surprise me at all if he rides the crest of this so-called smash-top of a play and ends up, contrary to Broadway traditions which insist you cannot defeat the critics, with a long, successful run.

Since he made *Some Like It Hot* with Marilyn Monroe, and *The Apartment* with Shirley MacLaine, Lemmon has moved into top-class even in conservative Britain. Here in America he is one of the best liked top stars in the business. Even so, his uncertainty about whether his present play will run is understandable.

'Preposterous'

Called *Face of a Hero* (and based on the book by Pierre Boulle) it opened on Broadway one night and its east week up next morning to discover that few of the New York critics seemed to know what it was about, and that six of them, having sat it through, didn't care.

The New York Times called it "clumsy. If you preposterous" and the Herald Tribune thought the whole thing was "really a case of dramatic suicide."

Yet *Face of a Hero* is, though awkwardly and obscurely written, an enthralling play.

It is about a young District Attorney, a lawyer determined to do good and to make good, who comes fresh and honest and ambitious into his powerful position in a quiet country district. Ruthlessly correct, rigidly just, he prosecutes without fear or favour anyone who infringes the law.

Then a frightening thing happens. He witnesses, by chance, a flaming row between the degenerate son of the most influential rich man in the district—a boy who has got away with rape and innumerable lesser crimes through his father's wirepulling—and a local girl who is pregnant by the boy.

Amnesia

He sees the boy eventually walk away and, unnerfed and incapable of any action, the D.A. watches as the girl, suicidally miserable, throws herself into the darkness of the river.

As time goes on, anxious to forget his own personal cowardice and relentlessly determined to be a great district attorney, afraid of no one, influenced by no one, he allows a charge of murder to be brought against the boy. And he prosecutes him himself.

He has, in fact, "forgotten" that he witnessed the truth. Justice, ambition, a longing for power—and the urge to clear his mind of his own sense of guilt—all lead him into a convenient state of amnesia.

"The D.A. will be a hero, Defender of the poor, scourge of the rich. When the vicious boy is sentenced to death the D.A. who is demanding the sentence will be several rungs up the political ladder."

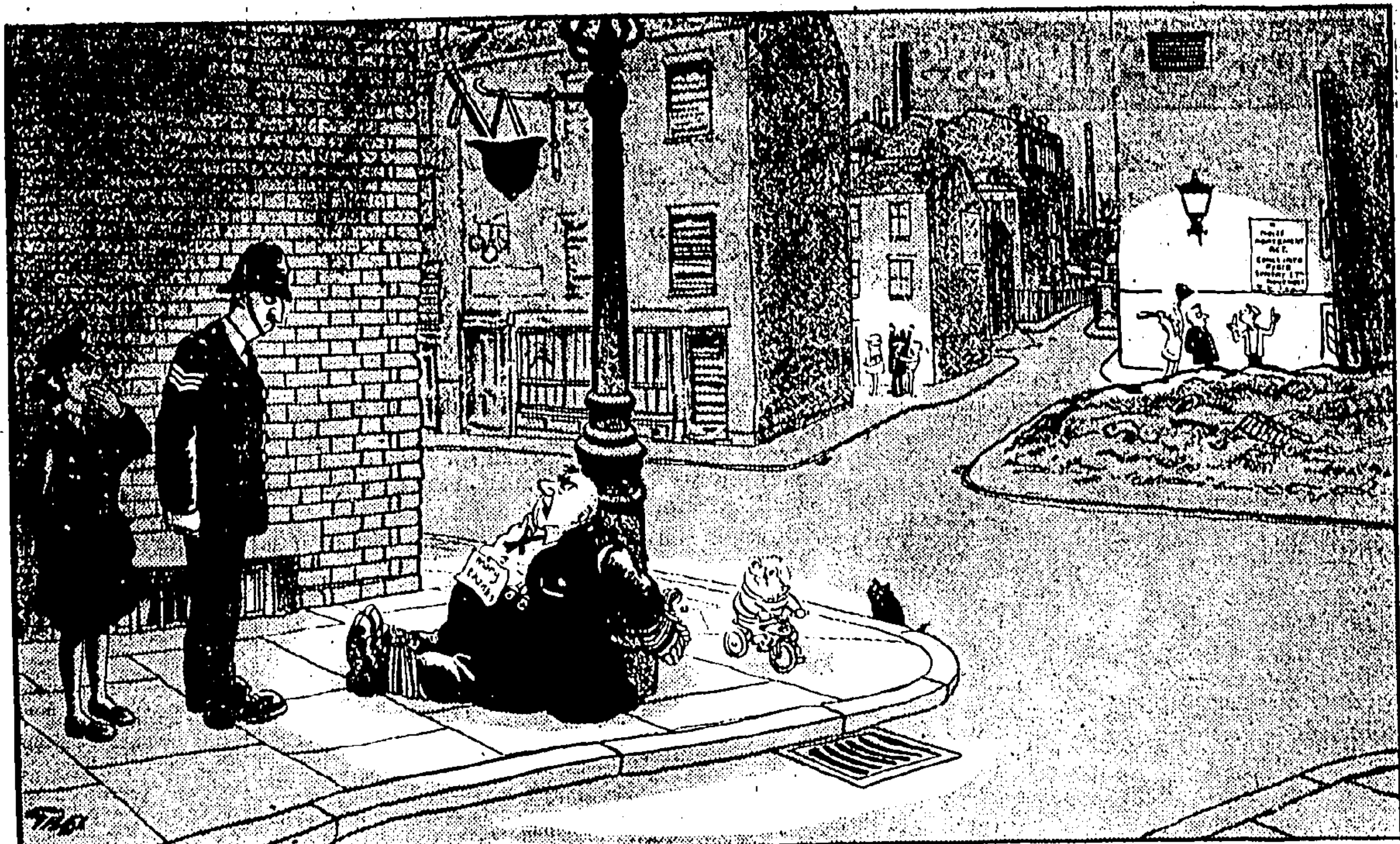
"We know all along it was a difficult play," Lemmon said. "On TV it was a successful failure. It was controversial. Which was good, TV being bad in general."

Traditional

"We expected that audiences might worry about it, might not understand. But we thought critics would. As it turns out, the critics didn't, but audiences love it. They may be upset or unsatisfied, but they're provoked as hell. There have been fights in the foyer about what it's all about."

Lemmon's face is cauter, questing, brightly engaging. It is the face of a clown, but of a traditional clown—the comic and satirist whose eyes retain a pinpoint of deadly seriousness whatever shapes the rubbery mask takes on.

Does he, like all clowns are supposed to, long to play Hamlet?



"Since they've heard about our pay increase this is the third time I've been slugged and had me wallet whipped"



DONALD EDGAR looking at LONDON

Why London especially? Because I believe it is still the world's most exciting city. Because here the human story is told on a broader, more colourful canvas than anywhere on earth...

THE "Affluent Society" has become almost as much of a cliché as the "Establishment."

But clichés only exist because they are expressing a thought which for the time being is significant.

I have recently been talking to two people who both had news about this "Affluent Society."

The first was Sir John Hunt, leader of the victors of Everest. He has grown ever cragier

than since I last met him. Instead of putting on a middle-age spread, he has acquired a middle-age fineness of line which has brought out all the qualities of his bone structure.

He is very much a John Buchan character... if he wasn't somewhere near the summit of Everest you could always imagine him living as a fakir somewhere in the Himalayas foiling some dastardly plot against us.

Not for him the successes of easy wealth. For him, the task of devotion, the stony path.

And the reason why he was talking about the "affluent society" was that he was getting ready to talk to the Duke of Edinburgh and a national gathering of liaison officers about the Duke of Edinburgh's awards.

IN CHARGE

Sir John has been in charge of this idea of the Duke's since its inception three or four years ago. And it is having a great success.

Very broadly, it is an attempt to bring a sense of adventure, gaiety and enterprise to young boys and girls who are entrapped by an industrial civilisation.

The youth of the country may be affluent as never before, but inevitably they are tied to a machine, a desk or even to automation. But they have leisure... the idea of the Duke of Edinburgh's Awards is to enable them to use this so that their lives are enriched.

At its present rate of growth it will soon cover the country. I think the Duke is lucky to have Sir John to manage this great venture. A venture which covers as wide a canvas as business firms, public schools and approved schools.

There is a practical idealism about it which is very English. The other person I was talking to about this "Affluent Society" was Anthony Barber, the Economic Secretary to the Treasury.

In a few years he has established himself as one of the brightest stars in the Macmillan galaxy. "You know," he said to me, "there are people who talk about the 'Affluent Society' as if the adjective was a four-letter word."

"Of course the material things of life are not the ultimate. In a sense they are only the trappings of civilisation."

"But as far as I am concerned, I am glad that government has given jobs, homes and care of health to the people of this country."

What I like about Tony Barber is that he is not hide-bound by the shibboleths of his party. He is not satisfied by the complacent phrases of the Tory Central Office.

For example, he said to me when we were discussing the great debate between the Western and Eastern ways of life... "Unless the West can so organise its economic affairs that it helps the emergent countries... well, there is no future for the West."

Very English—how 'Everest' Hunt is helping youth Regrettable—the changes I see in Chelsea Princess Margaret and the intriguing singular verb

I might add he is one of the most gay and amusing people to meet... and his wife, Jean, helps enormously... among the younger generation of the government.

DESERTED

A PAROCHIAL note... I think the Fulham-road is becoming more interesting than the King's-road.

In the last 10 years Chelsea has become so rich, so fashionable, so snob, that the intellectuals, the artists, the beatniks... even the journalists are being driven out.

But the Fulham-road, only a little to the north, is now the area where in the pubs, restaurants and cafes you can meet the social mixture which made Chelsea famous.

Here are the Irish workmen. The poets. The gay and beautiful girls. The awful beatniks. All the talk that is the idealism, the madness, the poverty of the first act of *La Bohème*.

Maybe a little stupid. But full of all the wonder, the beauty and the gaiety of youth.

RUMOURS

THE Armstrong-Jones story still fascinates the world. The foreign Press is full of rumours.

The obvious rumours about an expected interesting event. But they remain just rumours. Still apart from the rumours, there are a few facts about the marriage.

It is the "was" that fascinated me.

I should have thought that "were" would have been more polite and appropriate. Presumably, Mr Armstrong-Jones was also given Luncheon, with a capital L, by the Officers, with a capital P, and not relegated to the mess-decks.

It is a sign that, even in the Princess's own entourage, there is a psychological attitude which is quite stupid. The Princess and her husband have been out dancing quite often recently at the most fashionable night-club in London. It is one that does not court publicity.

FEW LEFT

When they go out they are nearly always on their own... very much the newly-married couple.

Once or twice she has worn an Empire-line dress which has naturally started the women talking.

It has not been an easy period of adjustment for Mr Armstrong-Jones.

The problem of a title and a job for him are still undecided. Because he will be accompanying his wife to the wedding of King Baudouin there is talk that the Queen may give him a title in order to preserve British prestige.

And, of course, since the marriage the pundits have said that if Princess Margaret is to have a child, a title will be given in order to ennoble the offspring.

There are few county titles left in North Wales where his family comes from. A suggestion has been made that he might well first be created Viscount of Plas Dinas. With, perhaps, an earldom to follow.



"Ah, for the bad old days before freedom and independence! Then we were occupied by only the Belgians"

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"MAY EVEN BEAT THE HULA-HOOP CRAZE" The rage of Hongkong CLINGING TOY MAKING FORTUNES

By ROWLAND KOEFOD

The small black bug-like dolls which invaded Hongkong about three months ago and now scurry through the streets in their hundreds on the shoulders of children and adults alike, are making a fast fortune for the merchants who make them out of flimsy plastic and sell them for \$1.80.

The dolls first came from Japan and spread to Hongkong from the quays of Wanchai, where they were sold until they finally reached the Peak.

Now they often pop up bars in even the night clubs and are even allowed into the backs of Cadillacs.

Hongkong merchants cashed in on the new craze and started to produce the dolls

locally in their thousands and in all colours. "They may even beat the hula-hoop in popularity", said one manufacturer.

Called the "Clinging Dolls", they inflate with a high-pitched squeak, their mouths put open in a red oval and one button eye always seems open, the other closed.

"It's the eyes that really get them", said a manufacturer.

At one firm, buried deep in the tangled debris of a Kowloon factory area and overrun by crowing chickens, 60 women work daily to produce the dolls in their thousands. Sales figures show that they are selling at the rate of 100,000 a month for the one firm alone.

Wine found in tin: Women fined

Two women charged with possession of four gallons of dutiable Chinese wine were each fined \$100 by Mr. I. M. S. Donnell at North Kowloon Court this morning.

Defendants were 32-year-old Wong Hong of an unnumbered hut in Sai Cho Wan, Chai-wai, Kowloon City and 46-year-old Lok Hing of the same address.

Revenue Inspector V. F. Koo prosecuting said that the two women were found in possession of the wine kept in a tin outside Kam Hong Techeu in Tai Kwok sui road on December 8 by a revenue officer.

Wheezy turn

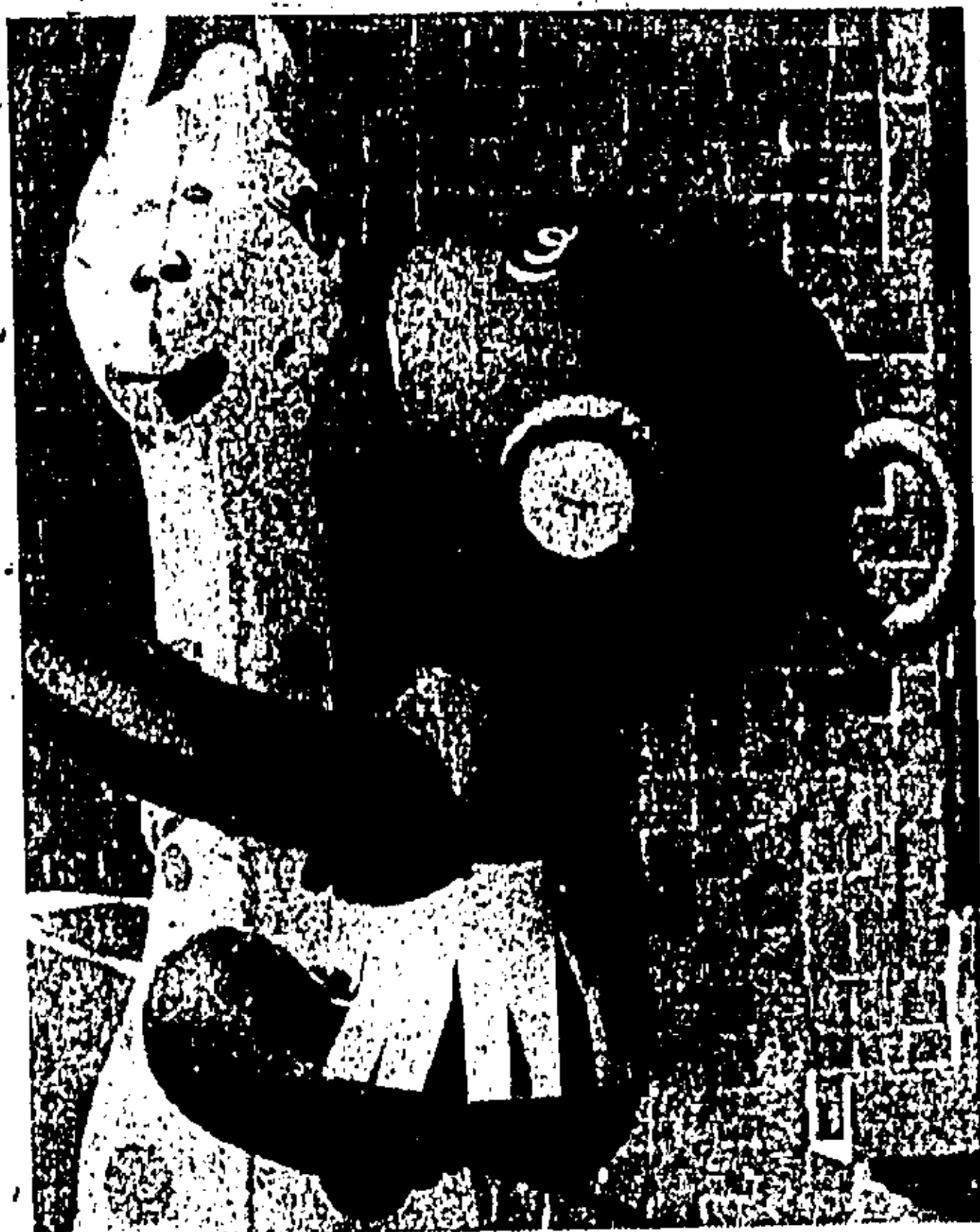
New variations of the dolls now being designed and manufactured, will be on the market in the near future. One of them is a bright yellow

with a wheeze in its paunch and a tinkling bell in its head.

Meanwhile a less complicated version is selling rapidly at a stall at the 18th Exhibition of Hongkong Products.

"They're cute and cuddly," said one buyer who took three home for her children.

"The ideal Christmas present," said another. "Cheap, completely useless, but a pleasant novelty."



'A lively, salty Pinafore' G & S HAS COME TO STAY

By D. E. GRAY

WITH the opening performance of H. M. S. Pinafore at the Loke Yew Hall last night, it is evident that Gilbert and Sullivan has come to Hongkong to stay. This sparkling and tuneful operetta came off with a breeziness, that, like the sea itself, was invigorating and a delight to experience.

From the opening sparkling chorus until the final curtain, the action never dragged, and there was an infectious spontaneity about the whole performance that drew cries from the capacity audience, for some repetitions of their favourite songs.

Amate Mills was the perfect Josephine, the Captain's daughter, with her crystal clear, pure soprano voice, perfect intonation and charming youthful appearance. Roger Bennett as Ralph Ricketts, the senior clerk, gave a very creditable performance, and Hugh Galley was a convincing Captain of the Pinafore.

Little Buttercup, played by Beryl Faley, was well characterised in a part that is musically, entertaining, but very vital in the development of the plot. She gave it a liveliness and humour that are so often missed in the development of this character.

The Rt. Hon. Sir Joseph Porter, KCB, or Arthur Burdons, displayed just the right amount of "silly" in quizzing his "brightened democracy", and his songs were given in a very convincing manner, with very clear diction.

The costumes and sets, designed by Pippa Westerhout were superb, and Hongkong is very fortunate indeed to have the benefit of what amounts to first-class professional direction and design in these matters.

The choruses were excellent, sung with a rousing enthusiasm, conviction and obvious enjoyment by all concerned. The producer of this very successful operetta is Nancy O'Connell, to whom full marks are due for presentation of a lively, salty Pinafore.

3 MONTHS BAN FOR DENTIST

The Dental Council of Hongkong has ordered that the name of Mr. Lau Tsz-kin, registered dentist of 322 Nathan-road, first floor, be removed from the Register of Dentists for three months from December 2, 1960, according to a notification in today's Government Gazette.

The notification stated that at an inquiry held by the Council, the Council had determined that Mr. Lau had been "guilty of unprofessional conduct, in that he was, on June 1, 1960, at the Magistrates' Court, convicted of covering an unregistered person to practise dentistry and was fined \$1,000."

Government Appointments

Sir Michael Hogan resumed duty as Chief Justice; Mr. Justice C. W. Beece ceased to act as Chief Justice and resumed duty as acting senior puisne judge; Mr. Justice A. D. Scholes, puisne judge, ceased to act as senior puisne judge.

Mr. D. Lai Kar-wah to be assistant secretary, Colonial Secretariat.

Mr. Stephen Ho Yuen-suen, Liaison Officer, ceased to act as assistant secretary for Chinese Affairs, on resumption of duty by Mr. C. N. Li.

Dr. John Wong Wing-chung to be medical officer; Mr. Hui Kiew-wook to be dental officer.

Mr. H. Williams to be labour officer; Mr. Wong Tai-wo, assistant labour officer, ceased to act as labour officer.

Mr. J. M. McNeill to act as wireless engineer during the absence of Mr. R. V. Talbot-Jones.

Mr. F. E. Rainbow to be chief assessor.

Mr. Ho Yun-nam to be assistant registrar.

Man on forged banknotes charge

Committee proceedings against a 23-year-old Indian, Man Mohamed, of Murray Barracks, charged with uttering forged US\$20 banknotes, was fixed for January 4 at Causeway Bay Court by Central Magistrate Mr. D. Cons this morning.

Defendant was granted bail of \$3,000 but surrendered his passport to the Police.

GOVERNMENT AND THE PEOPLE

The vast majority of civil servants have, or believe they have power of some sort over the public, Mr. J. C. McDouall, the Secretary for Chinese Affairs told Rotarians at Hongkong Island West today.

"Personally I don't believe that the saying 'All power corrupts' is true, but I think it is true that only power can corrupt if the holder is not careful," he said.

Speaking on the importance of Government contacts with the people, Mr. McDouall said: "People like myself wading through files and minutes and memoranda in a box of a room, surrounded by other boxes full of other fellow-scribblers, can all too easily become slaves to the mere mechanics of government work, worshipping the written word, complacently detached from reality, and pigeon-holing the three million individuals that make up Hongkong as 'The Public'."

Temptation

"There is the temptation to regard any policy or plan which is intellectually satisfying to oneself and one's immediate colleagues as necessarily the only one which any reasonable member of 'The Public' must see good for him and to put up defensive barriers against any attempt at subsequent criticism."

"Finally the sheer volume of paper work makes it very difficult for civil servants to bring themselves to shove the lot on one side and go out to learn at first hand what the people on the receiving end are really interested in and really think, whether they be members of the so-called 'public' or even the civil servants in another department."

Mr. McDouall said that if effective bridges are to be built between Government and the people, there would have to be millions. "The long history of China has shown time and time again that without mutual understanding and sufficient direct contacts between the people who work the machinery of Government and the ordinary man in the street, disaster follows for government and for almost everyone else."

Introducers

Mr. McDouall said one sometimes heard appeals for Government to co-operate with the wishes of the people, or for the people to co-operate with Government in some new project — "I think all such appeals

would be more effective if those who made them followed a piece of Chinese advice: start by developing mutual understanding, leading to mutual respect, and from that will come mutual co-operation."

Because of existing barriers there was a need for brokers or "introducers" to bring together two sides, help create a feeling of mutual understanding and then withdraw from playing any further active part.

Should help

Mr. McDouall pointed out that the Secretariat of Chinese Affairs had performed this role on a number of occasions in introducing Government departments to members of the public.

"Anyone in Hongkong who is sufficiently public-spirited and is in a position to make the necessary contacts as occasions demand, can and should help build yet more of these kinds of bridges between the people and the Government of Hongkong."

New clinic

A health clinic and a police rank and its quarters are to be constructed on the site of the old Government quarry at Tsatse-mui, in North Point.

From the Files

25 years AGO

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"At the moment when the completion of this Hall shows that the old learning is still revered here, and when the launching of the School of Chinese shows how that old learning can be kept a living thing, the University itself is, in spite of cuts and economies, in financial difficulties and it is hardly too much to say that the Colony in the next few years may have to decide whether or not it can still afford to have a University."

This remark was made by Mr. N. L. Smith, Secretary for Chinese Affairs, at the opening ceremony of the new Confucius Hall, Caroline Hill, yesterday afternoon.

The Hon. Mr. Smith performed the opening at 4 o'clock when he was handed a gold key by Mr. Kan Hung-chiu, donor of the magnificent Lecture Hall. Amid the firing of a string of crackers and the playing of a selection by the band of the Confucius Society, the Secretary for Chinese Affairs declared the building open.

The new building and its grounds were gaily decorated with flags and flowers, and the hall itself was similarly decorated, a huge picture of Confucius surmounting the platform.

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Allegedly made drugs in Deepwater Bay house

Four men who were alleged to have manufactured dangerous drugs in a house in Deepwater Bay will face criminal proceedings next month.

Mr. Derek Cons at Central Court this morning fixed hearing on January 18, 19, 20, 23 and 24 next year.

The defendants were Cheung Muk-po, 47, and Lam Mow, 34, both of 75 Deepwater Bay-road, Lam Leung-chi, 38, of Flat 608, 402 Des Voeux-road West, fifth floor, and Yiu Kon, 32, of 100 Cat's-paw-street, fourth floor.

The police alleged that in October and November this year the defendants manufactured dangerous drugs at 75 Deepwater Bay-road.

Lam Leung-chi, described as the tenant of the house, was further accused of permitting his premises to be used for this purpose.

Cheung Muk-po and Lam Mow were additionally charged with possession of dangerous drugs.

Supreme Court

The Christmas vacation of the Supreme Court will begin on December 24 and will last until January 4, 1961.

Test umpire gave benefit of doubt to 'throwers'

Sydney, Dec. 8. Mel McInnes, former Australian Test umpire, has admitted that he gave the benefit of the doubt to one or more bowlers under the throwing law 26 during the MCC tour of Australia in 1958-59.

McInnes was appearing with former Test cricketers Bill O'Reilly, Jack Fingleton and Rex Lindwall on a television programme yesterday.

Lindwall, one of the most successful fast bowlers Australia has produced, defended Ian Meckiff, one of the Australian fast bowlers who has been accused of throwing. But Fingleton said Meckiff was so doubtful in the second Test of the 1958-59 series he should have been called. He said Jim Burke had always thrown. O'Reilly said that Meckiff, in his opinion, had been suspected several times.

'TOO LATE'

McInnes said "I think Ian Meckiff was clear and I would not add any other name except Tony Leek (England) who deliberately threw one at Brisbane and I, as umpire, missed it. I saw it, but I was too late," the umpire said.

McInnes said he would like to see some provision in the law for an umpire to call with a bowler suspected of throwing in a similar manner to that allowed for intimidatory bowling or wasting time.

He felt the time to operate in England next year was a "reasonable solution" to ensure a successful tour, but did not think that powers should be removed from umpires.

He added that he did not think there were any throwers about now and in his opinion Meckiff had not changed his action.—China Mail Special.

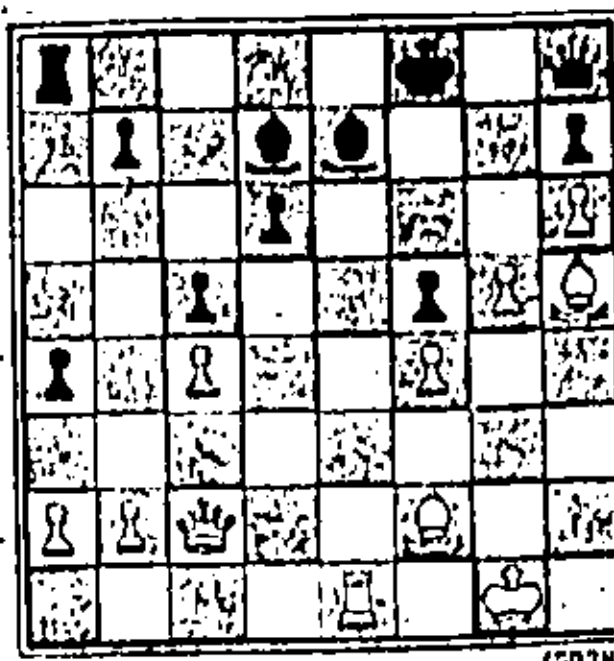
She's 'Sportsman Of The Year'

Johannesburg, Dec. 8. South Africa's "sportsman of the year" award has been won this year by a woman—lawn tennis star Sandra Reynolds.

Miss Reynolds, 21-year-old finalist in the women's singles at Wimbledon this year, is the first woman to be honoured in this way by the Rand Sports-writers' Society.—Reuter.

CHESS

By LEONARD BARDEN



Here is a position won by the Dutch grandmaster Jan Hein Donner. White to move and win. —London Express Service.

CRICKET FACES ITS GREATEST CRISIS

By JOHN COTTRELL

London, Dec. 8.

Bribery and corruption in League soccer footballers threaten to strike syndicate racketeers in boxing tournament golfers in revolt as Gloucestershire captain

These are stormy times in nearly all fields of athletic endeavour.

But it is also a time for hope. The great Reformation of British sport has begun and in most cases there is reason to believe that crisis will be followed by sweeping improvements—especially in soccer, where the out-dated structure of the Football League and system of players' contract is likely to be altered for the better.

One sport, however, needs reforming more desperately than any other and even then the propriety of the game cannot be assured. The national game of cricket has steadily lost spectator appeal so that many clubs can only survive with the financial aid of football pools.

Now the full gravity of the situation is driven home by the news that Gloucestershire, one of the greatest of all county clubs, home of such names as Grace, Hammond and Jessop, will be doomed after next season unless there is a major financial improvement.

IDEAS

The MCC Committee of Inquiry may well produce ideas to ease the cricket crisis, but in the final analysis it must be the players themselves who succeed or fail to make the game more attractive.

At present there is still a disturbing tendency to protect brighter cricket by changing the rules. History, however, shows that new rules designed to solve one problem are usually countered by methods which produce a fresh problem. I have no faith in the latest experiment which will suspend the follow-on in county championship matches next season.

This change will doubtless encourage first-day declarations. Equally, it seems certain to produce more drawn matches, which is scarcely in the interests of the game as a spectator sport.

A more flaming tendency in cricket is spotlighted by the way some counties pass over long-established players in appointing new captains.

Gloucestershire have recently appointed Tom Pugh, a 23-year-old Old Etonian with only one full season in first-class cricket, a place of experienced Tom Graveney. Now Middlesex have appointed 30-year-old spin-bowler Ian Bedford, who has not played first-class cricket for ten years.

UNREASONABLE

However much these men may be suited to the task, it seems unreasonable to pass over men who have served their county well for many years. Middlesex, admittedly, have a very young side, but Gloucestershire appear to have ignored such excellent and experienced players as Arthur Milton and Martin Young.

This policy could well lead to discontent within a club and a clash of personalities. Also, it is strangely out-of-step with the action of Yorkshire who retained the championship last season under the new leadership of a long-serving professional Vic Wilson.

Why was Tom Graveney sacked? At first, it seems as inexplicable as the way he was dropped from the England team after the last tour of Australia, when he was one of the few batsmen who did not fail.

Graveney's batting performance (average 33.85 last season) could certainly not be counted against him.

Unfortunately, it is the old story of an amateur captain

being preferred to a professional. If such out-dated thinking is now applied to the financial problems of the game, I can see little hope for the survival of the county championship in its present form.



"I say, if Nixon and Kennedy can work together, we ought to be able to iron out our difficulties with the League bosses."

London Express Service

Grand National improvements

London, Dec. 8. The Grand National Steeplechase will be worth more than £20,000 next year. This was announced by Mrs Mirabel Topham, managing director of Aintree racecourse, at a press conference here.

A soft drinks firm are giving £7,500, the Irish Hospitals £5,000, and Tophams £7,000.

Mrs Topham said that next year there would be an improved approach to the jumps which would make the horses more careful. Another change would be that the maximum weight a horse could be made to carry in the race would be reduced from 12 stone 7 pound to 12 stone.

The cost of running a horse in the Grand National remains

at £100, and the race closes on January 3 as usual.—China Mail Special.

City copy Spurs

London, Dec. 8. Birmingham City, impressed by the plastic sheeting Spurs use on the pitch at White Hart Lane, have ordered a similar cover for the St Andrews ground.

HANDICAPS FOR FIFTH RACE MEETING

The Handicaps for the Fifth Race Meeting to be held at the Royal Hong-kong Jockey Club on Saturday, December 17 are as follows:

RACE 1 Hamilton Park Handicap. Novices. (1st Sec.) Class 5. 1 Mile.—Bonny Bay (145), Bow-erly (140), Helicon (148), Huroine (152), Jura (142), Lila (146), Miss Allison (150), Precious Coral (150), Rose (152), Shillagh (138), Strathin (140), Sweet Home (146). (12 Drawn).	RACE 3 Haydock Park Handicap. (1st Sec.) Class 4. From 1½ M. Post. Apex (145), Babsie (146), But-terfly (152), City of Victoria (145), Eunice (137), Golden Rule (150), H. P. (149), Jemima P. (143), Na Pua (145), Perfectional (150), Sulla (140). (11 Drawn).	RACE 5 Phoenix Park Handicap. Class 5. From 1½ M. Post.—Confuser (148), Desert Hero (139), Ever-Young (150), Gambetta (144), Ho-fo (145), Linda (150), Lin-field (140), Rotary Wheel (140), Tai Ping Shan (149), Tullman (152), Teresa (145), Trigo (140), Tudor Conquest (145), Zanzibar (150). (14 Entries).
RACE 2 Battersea Park Handicap. Class 9. From 2 M. Post.—Alexis Gift (137), Free Success (140), George Fergie (150), Million Dollar (152), Nogo Boy (148), Rocky Bay (135), Tell-me-more (154), Triumph (150), Venus (148). (9 Entries).	RACE 4 Hamilton Park Handicap. (2nd Section) Class 5. 1 Mile.—Be-hinda (140), Cover Girl (140), Cutty Sark (148), Dragon Steed (150), Felle (150), Gemini (148), Good Win (157), How Do I Know (154), O. Lok Princess (148), Pathfinder (147), Wing Hung (148). (11 Drawn).	RACE 6 Hyde Park Handicap. Class 1. 1 Mile.—As You Wish (150), Honey Bird (152), Lucky Num-ber (149), Rebellion (145), Red Light (142), Vanity Fair (147), Virtuous (154), Winsome Stag (147). (8 Entries).
	RACE 7 Haydock Park Handicap. (2nd Sec.) Class 4. From 1½ M. Post.—Balkin Monarch (143), Buxey (140), Elegance (144), Fenella (145), Harmony II (143), House Top (151), Isfahan (150), King Kong (141), Okay (143), Star Kingdom (140), Tinkerbell (149). (11 Drawn).	RACE 8 Fontwell Park Handicap. Class 4. 1½ Miles.—Captain Kid (150), Castle Peak (147), Follow Me (143), Gay Monarch (145), Klava (145), Malayan Pet (148), Mercury (140), Nightingale (144), Packet (145), Superb (140), Tai O (154), Victoria Peak (148), Welfare (138), Yu-Hua-Trung (150). (14 Entries).

Boxing promoter reveals he paid 'goodwill' money

Washington, Dec. 9. James D. Norris testified his International Boxing Club paid money to the woman who became Mrs Frankie Carbo and to oldtime manager Jack Kearns so his fight programmes would not be upset by trouble-making managers.

"We felt it necessary to employ effective goodwill representations to help us," Norris said in a statement read behind closed doors to the Senate Anti-Monopoly Sub-Committee investigating underworld influence in boxing.

Norris's testimony on this point in general, paralleled that of Truman Gibson, who was Executive of the IBC in Chicago and New York. The boxing clubs, once caught in tight promotion, were disbanded after the Supreme Court ruled they were monopolistic.

TITLE FIGHT

Norris was questioned in secret after it was determined his appearance at open hearings might endanger his health. He has suffered two heart attacks, a statement by Norris's publicist, the hearing room,

went into relationships with Caprice Mrs Carbo, Kearns, boxer Frank (Blinky) Balmain, former boxer, Mike Courtney and Bill Rosencorn, who had a difficult time in promoting the first fight between champion Floyd Patterson and Ingemar Johansson.

The Sub-Committee has received testimony linking Norris with Carbo, reputedly the underworld czar of boxing. Carbo now is in prison for illegal underground fight operations.

Asked of Norris's appearance, Carmen Basilio's ex-manager, John De John, and Joseph Neve testified the middleweight began getting help from Norris in California after he started playing club boxing, friends of Carbo, AP.

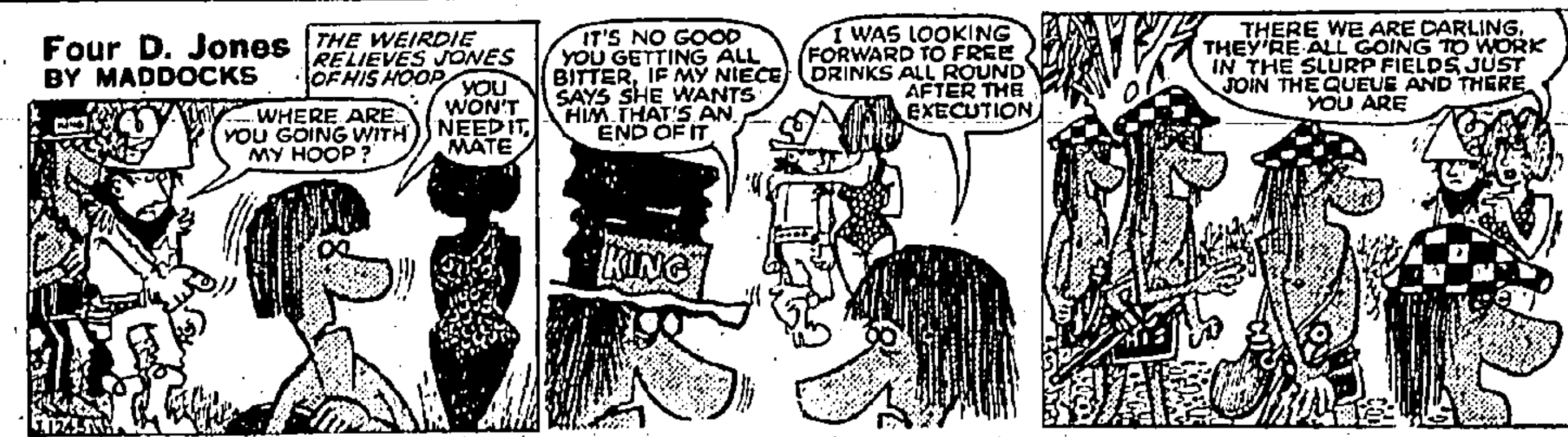
The Kid says Me 70? No!

London, Dec. 8. Ted the Kid, an ugly giant in his starchy blue eyes, the other day strided into Joo Bloom's London fitness salon, kicked aside a pile of idling barbell, and inquired—

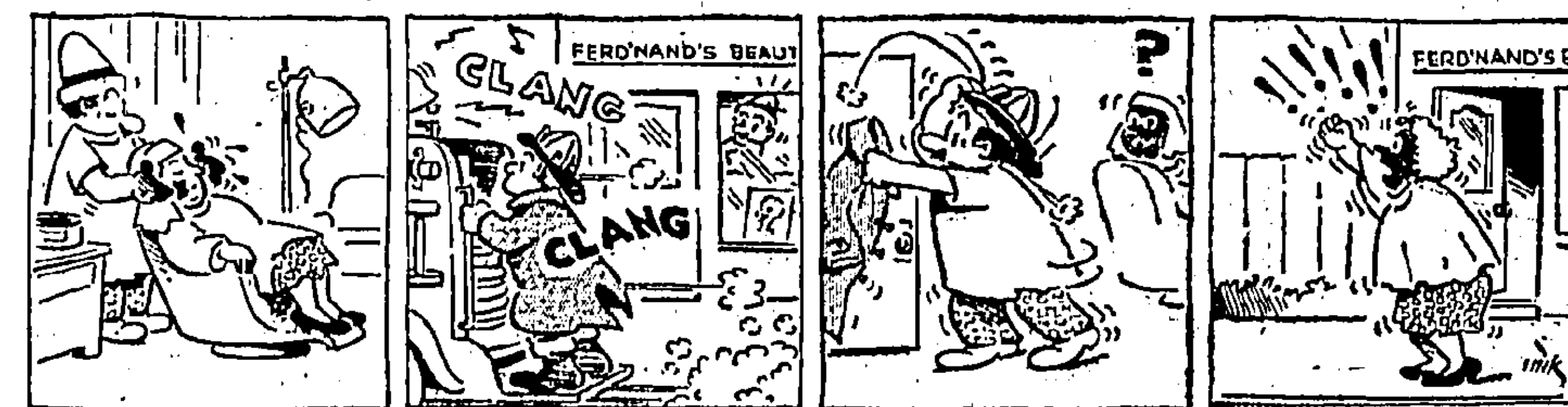
"What's all this about me being 'in my seventies'?" I'm not a day over 25."

The Kid, identified by nervous bystanders as Ted Lewis, one of the best punch-slingers seen in the East and West Ends, is a survivor of some 400 fights. Born in a gutter (under since he was 12) reported he was in his seventies, said a lounge.

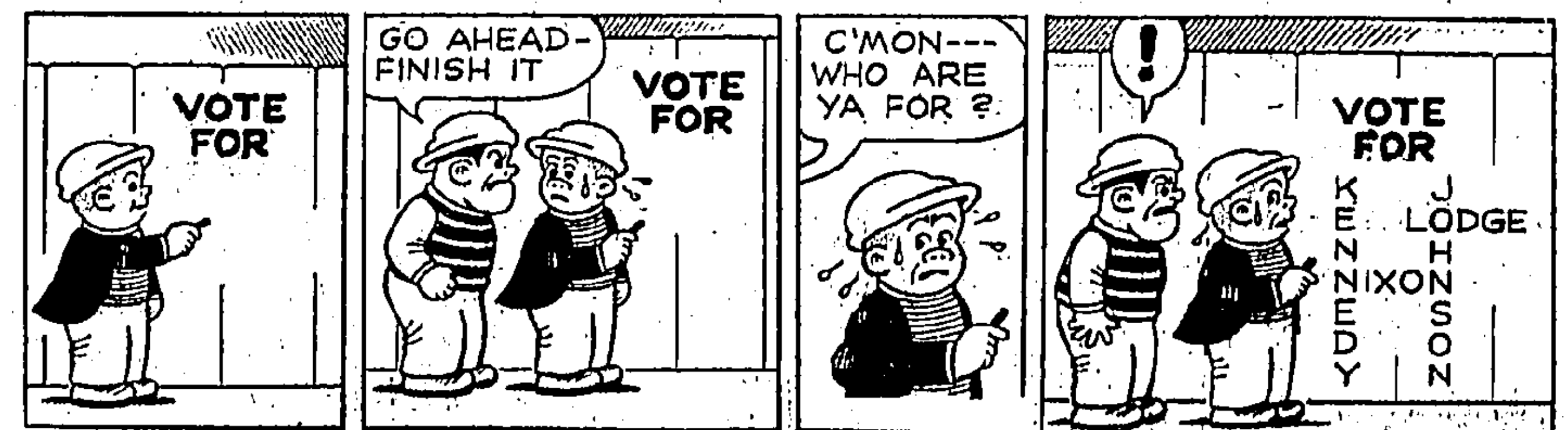
Said Ted the Kid sternly: "I'm no Apollo Moon. There is no dispute over my age. Born October 20, 1935 and proud of it—here's the"



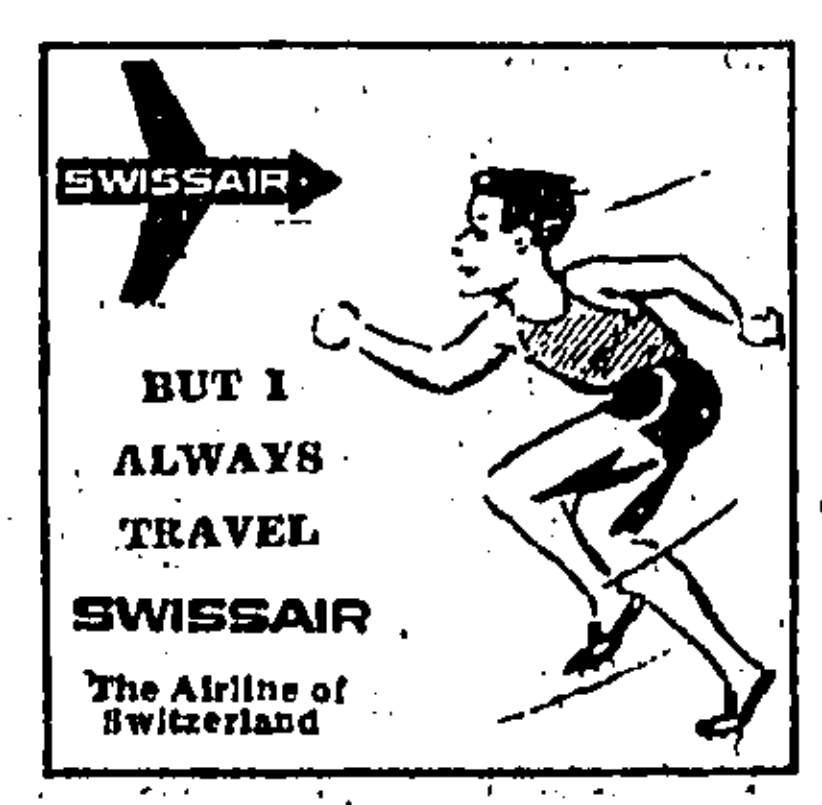
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BRICK BRADFORD



HE ANSWERED THE CRITICS —WITH HIS FISTS

By RICHARD BERRY

Terry Spinks, the critics agreed, was a brilliant boxer. But had he the stamina to be a great fighter? They pointed to his British featherweight championship fight with Edinburgh's Bobby Neill in June last year. Spinks spanked Neill for eight rounds, ran out of steam, and was knocked into semi-consciousness in the ninth.

Then, last September, the referee brought hostilities to what some critics thought was a premature halt in the seventh round when Neill was cut over his left eye.

But Spinks' third fight with Neill, recently seems to have silenced the critics.

He retained his title by beating Neill not on points, as most had expected, but by a knock-out in the 14th round. Such fighting form has not come too soon for Spinks. Although he has the face of a boy of 18, he is 23 next February.

"I remember my first fight," he says. "I must have been about seven. Coming back from school a bigger boy hit me. It was near home. Got my dad out to hold my football boots and hit him back. Dad gave us both half-a-crown."

GOLD MEDAL

Spinks turned professional in 1956, shortly after beating a blue-jowled Romanian student called Mircea Dobrescu for a gold medal in the Melbourne Olympics.

The decision has brought him a reasonable, though—for boxing—not an excessive, monetary reward. His last title fight was worth £5,000.

He owns a Ford Zephyr, convertible, a speedboat which he used for water skiing this summer, and a sweetshop near his home in Plaitlow. His mother runs it, and he drops in now and again, though not to serve. His father is a turf accountant.

He is unmarried but is going steady with a 21-year-old typist, Valerie Pearson, who shares Spinks' addiction to jazz, dancing and fast cars—but not to boxing. What will Spinks try for now? Presumably a world title fight.



TERRY SPINKS

Commenting on suggestions that he is too fond of living to make the real big time, Spinks says: "I suppose I did live it up a bit a year or two back. But I'm dead serious now. Up at six for a six-mile run. Training like I'm told. No ginger pop or cream buns or anything like that. A lot of relaxing, too. Darts, cards, draughts—passes the time you know."

Says his trainer, Sammy McCarthy: "He's got the world at his feet."—Central Press.

West Indies 130 for 3

SOBERS SHOWS FORM AGAINST AUSTRALIA

Germany's top hurdler for decathlon

Munich, Dec. 8. West Germany's Martin Lauer, holder of the world record for the 110 metres hurdles, said here today he would go in for the decathlon in the 1964 Olympic Games in Tokyo.

Lauer, who set his world record when he achieved 13.2 seconds at Zurich last year, said he would also continue training for his special distance.

The young German, who participated in the West German team which won this year's Olympic 4 x 100 metres relay race in Rome, said he hoped to recover soon from a recent foot injury, and that he would follow a strict training programme this winter while pursuing his studies at the Munich Polytechnic School.—AFP.

Soccer tour

Bangkok, Dec. 8. The Japanese soccer team Fumakawa will arrive here on December 22 to play two matches against local teams, the Thai Football Association said today. The dates of the matches have not yet been fixed.—Reuters.

Brisbane, Dec. 9.

A glorious innings of 68 not out by Garfield Sobers featured this morning's play as the first Test between Australia and the West Indies opened here.

Mainly through his chancery look, which included a glorious six to the screen, West Indies were able to register 130 for three at the lunch interval.

The third wicket stand between Sobers and Frank Worrell has so far realised 65 runs.

IMPECCABLE

Alan Davidson, keeping an impeccable length, was the only Australian bowler to meet with any success this morning, taking all the three wickets to fall.

He opened the attack by bowling to six men in the slips and two on the leg side, but later kept only four in the slips.

Sobers reached his own half-century in 57 minutes and never once appeared in difficulty during the morning.

Scoreboard:

WEST INDIES

by Innings
Crispin Hunter, c Benaud, b Davidson 24
Davidson 7
Cammie Smith, c Groot, b Davidson 13
Robert Kanhai, c Groot, b Davidson 13
Garfield Sobers not out 68
Frank Worrell not out 16
Extras 0

Total for three wks. 130

Fall of wickets 1-23, 2-42, 3-65.

Bowling:

	O	M	R	W
Alan Davidson	8	1	36	3
Ian Meckiff	6	0	38	0
Richie Benaud	6	1	24	0
Ken Mackay	2	0	15	0
R. Simpson	2	0	7	0

—Reuters.

Canada joins International Soccer League

New York, Dec. 9.

Canada has joined the International Soccer League for 1961 and games will be played both in Montreal and New York, the league founder, William D. Cox, announced today.

The Canadian team is Concordia Club of Montreal. The league played its first season last summer in New York's polo grounds with teams from Brazil (the champions), England, Scotland, Ireland, France, Italy, Yugoslavia and the United States.

Concordia said it will field a strong team with some of the best players from England and the continent.

TWO PLAY-OFFS

Under present plans, Montreal will have nine dates in each section of the league and will also stage the first of the two play-off in that city for the American challenge cup.

Next year the championship will be decided in two play-off games instead of one; the second and final play-off will be in New York.

In the finals, if one team wins both matches it is champion, but

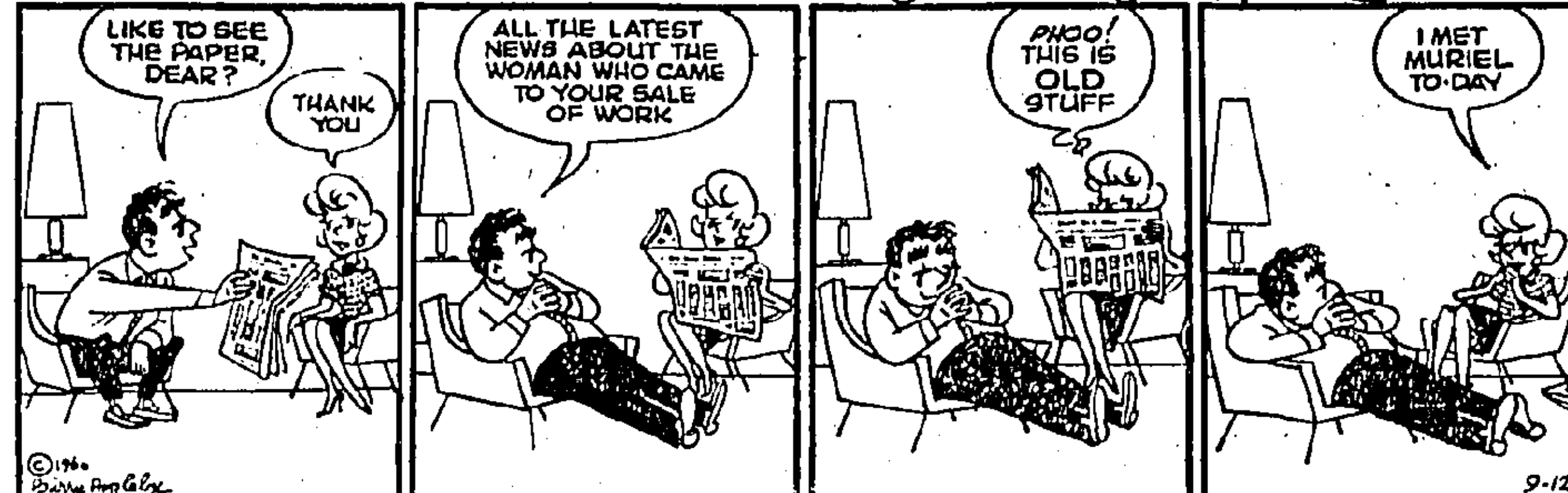
if the two games are divided the championship will be decided on total goals.

Cox also announced a new player award for the coming season—the Dwight D. Eisenhower trophy—to be presented to the player outstanding for sportsmanlike conduct and play during the season. A White House announcement said President Eisenhower has agreed to lend his name to the trophy, which will be an annual award decided by a three-man committee.—AP.

Sports Diary

TODAY
Squash
League match: Stanley Club v Garkhas, Victoria Barracks, 6 pm.
Hockey
Ladies' Division: KGV "B" v KGV "A".

THE GAMBOLS . . . by Barry Appleby



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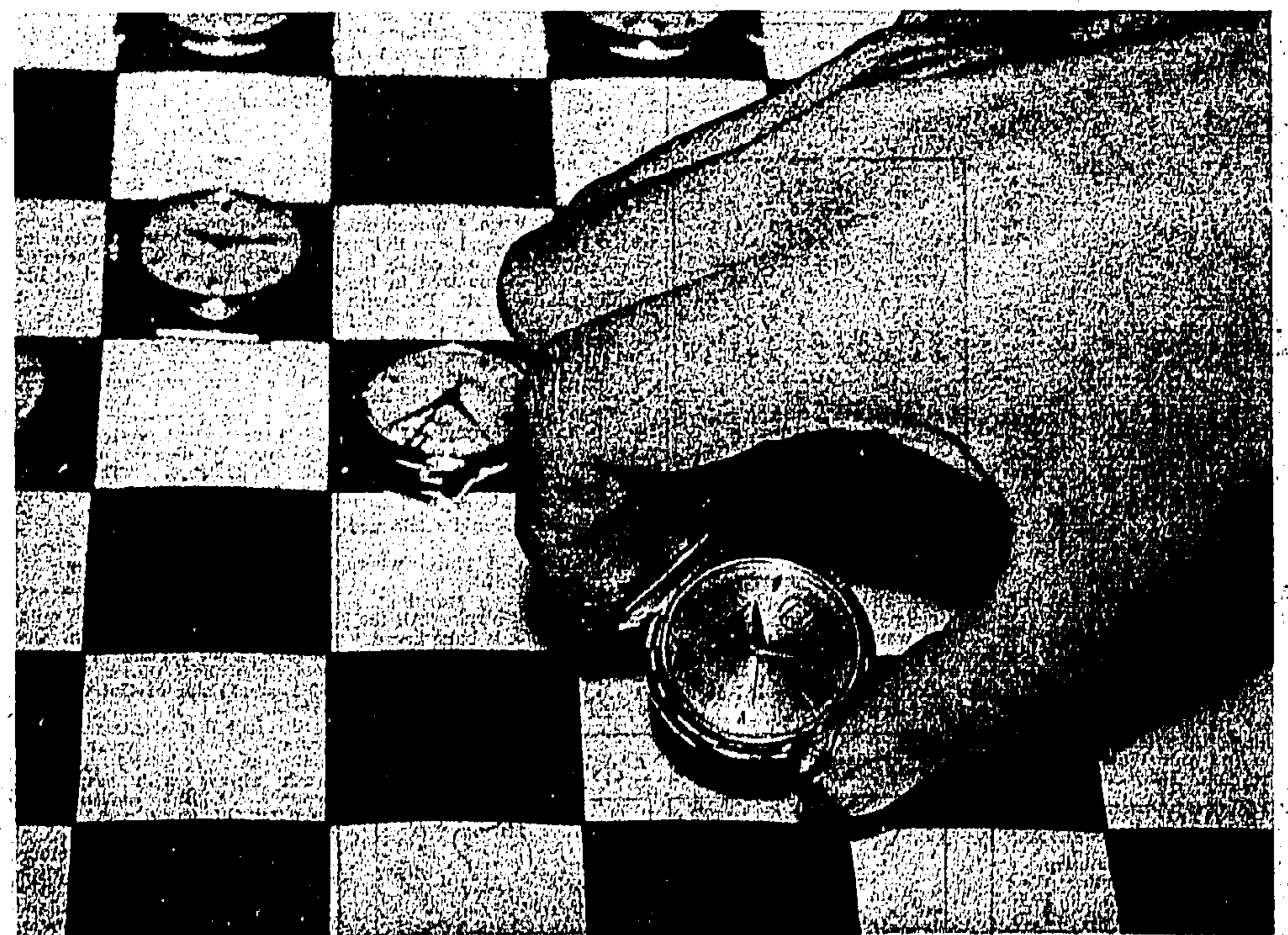
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LORD

How well do you know the people next door?

ONCE in Salt Lake City a Mormon tackled me about my neighbour, and I had to admit we had never even been introduced. From that moment on, he believed I was a dyed-in-the-wool, 100 per cent British snob and he would not be convinced otherwise, whatever I said about proximity not being everything. Since then I've moved house and, oh, how I wish that Mormon could be around today, for at last I've discovered the secret of neighbourliness: Live in a brand new house sandwiched between a lot of other brand new houses and camaraderie is as catching as measles.

In fact, I've learned that sharing a builder is an easy way to win friends. Invitations have poured through my letterbox, both the "drop in" and the grander "At Home" varieties, and grown-up games of "snap" have gone on with underlying earnestness as neighbour and neighbour turned up their acoustic or plumbing problems. Although that Mormon had nothing on me, my attitude to neighbours has changed. I've suddenly since joining this cosy colony. Not that I think there is any general trend to let's-get-to-know-the-neighbours-better.

To check on this I chatted to three different households, big, basement and bachelor.

'No time'

TONIA and Donald Campbell, for instance, returned a little over a week ago to their country house near Reigate. When I telephoned Tonia, she was still enthusiastic about being home. Did her enthusiasm take in the neighbours, too?

"I don't know them," she told me. "We've lived here for over a year now and our nearest I suppose would be half a mile down the road."

"I've been inside that house just once, when Gina (Donald's daughter) was invited to a children's ball and said, 'the Mums are coming to pick me up, so you can pick me up if you like.'"

"When I went along all the Mums seemed to know me, for they kept saying 'We never know when you're going to be home.' Mrs. Campbell. So I suppose that's why I've never received any invitations."

"In any case I was brought up not to know the neighbours. My mother always said, 'Be friendly and polite, Tonia, but if you don't want people ringing up to borrow an egg or something, don't encourage friendships.'"

"Whenever Donald and I talk about neighbours—we mean our friends Michael and Margot (the Marquess and Marchioness of Reading) and they're half an hour's drive away from here. I haven't time to cultivate any more friendships."

Probably the Royal friends of Robin and Sandra Douglas Home—Princess Alexandra in particular—have popped down the area steps into their basement home in Kensington, but have their neighbours?

"I've never seen them," said Mrs. D. H. "And we don't have any neighbours at all, we live in a country house in Hampshire either."

I got the impression the Douglas Homes were definitely not neighbour-minded.

Easy?

Is it easier perhaps for a man alone to get to know his neighbour? If he wants to? Thousands of love stories have been written about the male who runs out of tea in his bachelor flat and so meets the girl of his dreams who happens to have a full tea caddy next door...

Frederick Starke, chairman of the Fashion House Group of London, does have a bachelor flat in a large impersonal block, but he has never run out of tea. "I've never run out of anything since I had my butler," he told me. He also doesn't know his neighbours. "The only person I've ever seen in the flat

next door is the cook. From one window I can see her happily cooking away. But surely people only want to know their neighbours if they're at a loose end? And I never am—there just aren't enough hours in the day."

SILENCE IS GOLDEN

I've found a new meaning for that old, old saying Silence is Golden. These days in the profession where words mean nothing and actions everything—the world of modelling—the shekels are mounting up for the brightest boys and girls. Hearing that ethereal blonde model girl Joy Weston was now a Mum-to-be for the first time, I said I would like her to model some maternity clothes. "Delighted, of course," said her agent, "and incidentally

Joy's fee has now gone up to 50 gns. for one photo session. "No wonder," the Victorians called it "an interesting condition."

Then model Jennie Hacking was persuaded the other day to part with her long, carefully dishevelled hair style. Now, with a short back-and-sides look, her rateable value has zoomed to 5 gns. an hour here—and for Continental jobs it seems the sky the limit.

Then there's the man who's never alone with his favourite cigarette, Terence Brook.

Now that he has fan mail—about 40 to 50 letters a week—his rate has jumped from three guineas to 10-15 guineas an hour... So hard for him to keep his under-nourished look... And, d'you know, the poor man really is camera-shy. Silence is really golden—provided there is a 22-carat-type brain ticking away behind the looks.

(London Express Service).

LADY LUCK

YOUR CHINA MAIL HOROSCOPE

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 9

AQUARIUS (January 21-February 19): If you are unable to cope with an influx of extra work, don't be too proud to enlist the help of a colleague.

PISCES (February 20-March 20): A person born under Sagittarius may not live up to the expectations promised by your original meeting.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Don't let a relationship sap your energy or resources. A successful friendship is never one-sided.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): A domestic renovation may prove more costly than you anticipated, but assistance will come from an unexpected source.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21): Your desire for secrecy about a future plan should give way to absolute frankness with the person most closely involved.

CANCER (June 22-July 21): More than your usual diplomacy will be needed in order to have things your own way today.

LEO (July 22-August 21): A social ambition above your normal station ought to be curbed, as it may only bring humiliation in the end.

VIRGO (August 22-September 22): By helping a person in whose plans you are very much interested you yourself may also benefit materially.

LIBRA (September 23-October 22): A slight misunderstanding with a business associate may delay the successful conclusion of a pending deal.

SCORPIO (October 23-November 21): A last-minute invitation may conflict with your weekend plans. Think twice before accepting.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22-December 21): A party over the weekend will be an unqualified success, and put you in the right mood for holiday festivities.

CAPRICORN (December 22-January 20): Important family discussions may take up a good deal of your time, but you can hardly refuse to play your part in them.

YOUR BIRTHDAY: If this is your birthday you will find evidence of great affection among your well-wishers, and can face the coming year with well founded optimism.

CHILDREN'S CORNER

Chirpie Isn't Hungry

—He Explains To The Shadows Just What Happened—

By MAX TRELL

FOUR three days, Knarf and Hand, the Shadow Children with the Turned-About Names, had put bread crumbs on the window sill. They waited for Chirpie Sparrow to come along and eat them.

He didn't come. He didn't come the first day, nor the second, nor the third—and on the fourth day, Hand said that she "was sure something must be wrong."

Not hungry

"I don't think anything's wrong," said Knarf. "He's just not hungry, that's all."

"Not hungry after three days?" asked Hand. "That can't be right. Chirpie gets hungry every 15 minutes. He's always eating."

Just at that moment, Chirpie Sparrow actually came flying over to the window sill. It was a good thing he came just then.

because Knarf wasn't able to say anything. He was quite able to figure out why Chirpie Sparrow, who got hungry every 15 minutes, hadn't come to the window sill for his bread crumbs for three entire days.

"Good morning," Chirpie Sparrow greeted cheerfully.

"Hello I am!" "Where are you, here you are," said Knarf. "And where have you been?"

"We've been worried about you, Chirpie," said Hand.

"That's a shame," said Chirpie. "I didn't mean to worry you. Anyway, here I am and I'm certainly glad to see you. I don't see me as often as you used to. Well, I've got to go now."

Chirpie Sparrow actually started fluttering his wings, but Knarf and Hand began shouting:

"Wait! Wait!"

"Okay," said Chirpie, and stopped fluttering his wings.

"I'll wait. What is it?"

Knarf and Hand pointed to the bread crumbs spread out on the window sill.

"Oh—them!" said Chirpie. Knarf and Hand looked at Chirpie in amazement.

"Aren't you going to eat them?" asked Hand.

Chirpie hesitated before answering. He quivered around in an uncomfortable way, standing first on one leg and then on the other.

"I guess I'm not very hungry," he finally said.

Knarf and Hand were even more astonished than before. Chirpie looked at their faces and gave a quirk. A quirk is the same as a chuckle, except that it's made by a Sparrow.

"I suppose," he said, after quivering several more times, "that you'd like me to explain why I'm not very hungry."

Hand and Knarf nodded. Chirpie walked among the bread crumbs on the window sill, touching them with the end of his beak but not eating them.

"It isn't," he said, "that these crumbs aren't as delicious as they always are. I can see that they're brown and crisp and fresh. But let me tell you what happened three days ago, and then you'll understand why I'm not hungry for any bread crumbs now."

Moved to new place

"Three days ago, I moved out of the place where I was living. That place was a nest in the middle of a maple tree in the middle of the park. But with the cold weather coming on, I found myself a nice, snug, new place behind a loose brick in the chimney."

"That's where I'm living now."

"But," Chirpie went on, "it isn't a house chimney. It's a chimney over the oven of a bakery."

A bakery!

Knarf and Hand exclaimed together:

"A bakery! A place where they make bread?"

"I was never so surprised in my life," said Chirpie. "All they do all day long is bake bread."

"And you've never, never seen so many bread crumbs as I've been seeing—and eating—for the past three days."

JACOBY on BRIDGE

Today's hand, previously appeared in my article except that I have moved the six of clubs from the West to the East hand and the nine of clubs from the East to the West hand.

In a previous article, excellent defence by East and West beat South at four hearts. The key play consisted of East putting up the ten of spades when the full was led from dummy after the hand had been stripped of diamonds and clubs. Several readers thought that South could have made the hand by adopting a different line of play and with the cards placed the way they are now South can make the hand against any defence. The play is as follows:

South draws trumps with two leads and starts on diamonds. West's best defence is to take the ace and lead the suit back. South plays the last diamond and leads clubs. If he leads the club from his own hand West plays the nine and dummy takes the trick with the king. A second club loses to the ace and West will lead a third club. Now South simply

NORTH 22		EAST	
705		10432	
KJ04		63	
774		653	
K82		7854	
WEST		SOUTH (D)	
KJ9		AQ8	
52		AQ1037	
A1002		KQ8	
AJ109		KQ3	
Both vulnerable		Pass	
1♥	Pass	2♥	Pass
4♥	Pass	Pass	Pass
Opening lead—♥2			

discards the eight of spades and claims the balance.

Why wouldn't this play have worked before? Because West could have hung on to the six of clubs and led it to his partner's nine.

Rupert and the Purple Star—11



The starfish lies quietly in the pool, and Rupert starts to carry it away. "It's making my arm feel funny," he grins. "That thing must be all right alive!" Perhaps the poor thing wants some salt water, says Bill. "It can't enjoy being out of the sea. So they stop at the nearest pool



and Bill uses the other bucket to pour in water. "Now it'll be heavier," says Rupert. "I'll carry it first and—Go!—Ow!—Ee!—I can't! The whole bucket's electric now. I'm tingling all over!" And, in alarm, he drops both his spade and bucket hurriedly.

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